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Former youth international Fabio Incantalupo of Juventus.

## INCANTALUPO, COACH CLASH

Fabio Incantalupo's comeback almost ended two weeks ago when he threatened to storm out of the Brunswick Juventus dressing rooms before his club's Buffalo Gold Cup clash with Morwell Falcons.

It was to be coach Tommy Traynor's last match in charge of Juventus.

"Tommy took out this Press article before the game and started to read it to us. It called for his sacking. He said he had to play me against Morwell, instead of Gary Ward, because I was Italian," said Incantalupo.

"I yelled at him and told him that I wouldn't get changed."

"He finished reading the article, then asked the players what they thought about it. Robbie Cullen said that he (Traynor) shouldn't take any notice of it. Tommy also said that he was spat at after our previous game in the Buffalo Cup but the players were of the opinion that you don't let things like that get to you. You just forget it and get on with the job."

"I spoke to Tommy personally and told him that I was prepared to pack my bags and walk out of the dressing room if he thought I was responsible for that article. I couldn't believe it. But we patched things up and I played."

Juventus drew 1-1 with Morwell and after coaching the club to two draws and a loss in the Buffalo Gold Cup,

Traynor was sacked and John Margaritis, last year's coach, re-appointed.

"The lads were all edgy in the first half of that game against Morwell. You could feel it out on the field, after what Tommy had said in the dressing room before the game," said Incantalupo.

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## TRAYNOR GOES, DE BRUIN TOO

Tommy Traynor and Casey de Bruin were the first coaching casualties in the NSL this year.

Traynor was dumped by Brunswick Juventus last week and replaced by John Margaritis while de Bruin quit Blacktown. Chris Dunleavy is caretaker coach.

Traynor is on a temporary visa and has been told by the Immigration Department that he must leave Australia with his wife and children within 30 days of losing the Juventus job.

According to ASF rules, he can stay in Australia provided he gets a senior coaching post

at either an NSL, State League or Victorian League club, however the Immigration Department official who contacted Traynor last week said that only an NSL appointment would allow him to remain here. The official reportedly went as far as to tell Traynor that there was no way that such an appointment would come his way so he (Traynor) better start packing.

Traynor can get a coaching job in Scotland but is loathe to leave Australia because his children are well settled here

By  
CRAIG MACKENZIE

Kevin Keegan, 34, twice voted European Footballer of the Year and a veteran of 63 full caps for England, will play two games with Blacktown in the Australian Conference this year.

Keegan, who played for Liverpool, SV Hamburg, Southampton and Newcastle United, arrives in Australia on April 24 and will line-up with Blacktown against Canberra on April 28 and against Sydney Croatia on May 5. Both games are at the Gabba Stadium.

Keegan is being paid \$6,000 a game and will bring his wife and two children with him.

Keegan joined Liverpool in May, 1971, and was the English Football Writers' Player of the Year in 1976 and 1977 before transferring to SV Hamburg for \$1 million.

He was voted European Footballer of the Year in 1978 and 1979, and transferred to Southampton in



• Kevin Keegan

June, 1980, for \$800,000. In 1982 he was the leading scorer in the English First Division and was the Professional Footballers' Association Player of the Year. In August, 1982 he transferred to Newcastle United for \$200,000 and guided the club back into the First Division during the 1983-84 season. Newcastle's last match that year marked Keegan's retirement and appropriately, he scored. It was his 500th game.

The legendary Bobby Charlton made one appearance for Blacktown in 1980.

By  
LES MURRAY

Ferenc Puskas the legendary former captain of Hungary and the spearhead of the great Real Madrid team of the 1950's, will visit Australia to make a series of personal appearances next month.

Puskas is being brought here by St. George Budapest and will address a gathering at the club on March 16.

He also will turn out in an old boys game between local Hungarians and Greeks.

Puskas, now 59, represented Hungary 84 times and scored 83 international goals, most of them as captain of the 'Magical Magyars' who conquered all on a four-year undefeated run in Europe from 1950 to 1954.

He will be remembered for his dominating display in Hungary's renowned 6-3 win over England in 1953 and for the four goals he scored for Real Madrid against Eintracht Frankfurt in the 1960 European Cup final.



• Ferenc Puskas

Later, as coach of Panathinaikos of Greece, he also avowed success, leading the club into the European Cup final of 1971 against Johan Cruyff's Ajax Amsterdam.

Puskas will go on from Sydney for personal appearances in other states.

Network 0/28 plans to show the Hungarian-made film 'The Golden Years', to co-incide with Puskas' visit. The film is about Puskas and the great Hungary team of the 1950's.

FOOTNOTE: Les Murray will profile Puskas in next week's 'Soccer Action'.

## NASL TO FOLD?

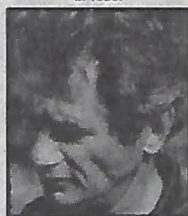
While the New York Cosmos are struggling to finish the indoor season and prepare for the North American Soccer League outdoor season this summer, the NASL is trying to make certain there is an outdoor season.

Ted Howard, the league's Director of Operations, acknowledged last week that the league was contemplating not playing for a year to build a stronger organization.

Clive Toye, the president of the NASL, refused to disclose how many franchises had made a firm commitment to the league for this summer, saying he wanted to talk to all the owners first.

Giorgio Chinaglia, the president of the Cosmos, said he believed it would be a mistake to take a year off, "because if you go dormant, you're finished."

— ALEX YANNIS



John Margaritis

and, in his own words, "there's not a lot for my kids back in Scotland."

Traynor had coached Juventus for just three matches in the Buffalo Gold Cup, which involves the eight Melbourne-based NSL clubs and the top four clubs in last year's Victorian State League. Previously, he'd coached Sunshine-George Cross.

Dunleavy is Blacktown's fourth coach in seven years. The others have been Mick Jones, Rale Rasic and de Bruin.

"Soccer Action" writer Alex Vesic reports that de Bruin and Blacktown fell out over the buying of players. Clive Eaton, who joined Blacktown from Kuringai last season, reportedly did so without de Bruin's knowledge or consent, causing friction between de Bruin and the committee.

Blacktown secretary Peter Thorne rejects the allegation.

"Where do people (press?) get these stories from? Certainly not from the club. I'm the guy at Blacktown who talks to the press and no-one has contacted me about this supposed confrontation. The whole thing is rubbish," said Thorne.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

## ISRAEL IRATE

The Israeli youth team arrived in Sydney on Saturday for the Oceania qualifying rounds of the 1985 World Youth Cup and immediately went house-hunting after walking out of its allotted accommodation.

The Israelis sought new quarters after inspecting their accommodation at the Endeavour Migrant Hostel at South Coogee.

Meanwhile, the Australian team has been booked, not at the hostel, but at a motel at Sylvania Heights within easy distance of St George Stadium, where the round-robin tournament takes place.



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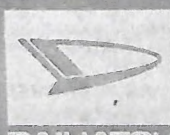


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# Davidson ticked off by Clough

**'You don't smile enough, son!'**

• Brian Clough

One Australian player who believes without any question that he has made the right move is Alan Davidson, who was happily settled in at Nottingham Forest when I visited him.

Since then, however, he is reported to have collapsed during a match the way he did twice in Australia last year and so his career there may be in jeopardy. That aside, let me report only about my visit.

"Outside my marriage, being here and playing in the English First Division is the greatest thing that ever happened to me," he told me. "I can't describe what a thrill it was to make my debut at Watford and hear our supporters chanting my name."

"The game passed in a daze, but I must have done all right, because the Gaffer (Brian Clough) pulled me to one side after the game and told me to get myself ready to play against Manchester United the next Saturday. That was some thrill, I can tell you."

"The fellows here are magic, especially the club captain, Ian Bowyer, who's gone out of his way to make us feel at home. His wife has taken Carol (Alan's wife) with her to away matches so that she too feels part of the club."

Alan probably didn't realise it at the time, but his choice of Nottingham, an average-sized provincial city, as against say, London, was a happy one, because Nottingham people get involved with their sporting heroes far more than Londoners do.

And then, of course, there's the presence of Cloughie (the Gaffer).

The trouble with talking to Davidson about Davidson is that he himself talks constantly about Cloughie. The Clough charisma is such that he tends to dominate the conversation, just as he dominates the club, even when he isn't there.

"He doesn't waste much time on small talk," says Alan, "but he doesn't miss much. If you are doing all right, it's just a nod or maybe a pat on the back, but if you do something wrong, my God, does he let you know!"

"I had been here only a week when he came into the dressing room and gave Paul Hart the biggest rolicking I've ever heard in my life. All the other players sat with their heads down looking at the ground, fearful to look up in case he caught their eye and turned on them. They know they aren't smiling, in case they get it. And he does it to the crowd too. If they are quiet and not getting behind the team, he gets out of the dugout and shakes his fist at them, and they soon get the message. The players love him, even if they don't say so in so many words. Look how they keep coming back to Forest, as Ian Bowyer did, because he means so much to Forest and has brought them so much glory."

(Now, you see he's got me going too. I started writing about Davidson, and now I'm writing about Cloughie.)

Anyway, Davo managed to keep clear of the Gaffer, while obviously pleasing him, because he became a first-team regular, until one day as he was passing, Cloughie suddenly roared: "Davidson, come here lad!"

Fearful, Davidson went over. "Yes, boss?"

Whereupon the unpredictable Cloughie said: "smile, damn it. Why don't you smile? You like it here, don't you?"

Davo says: "Well, of course I smiled, didn't I? I didn't realise that I had been so anxious to succeed that I'd got tensed up and forgotten how to relax, but the boss had noticed."

Another episode that brings a wry grin to Alan's face happened in the team bus going down the Motorway. The bus overtook a car containing some players' wives, and suddenly Davidson awoke from a reverie to hear Cloughie yelling: "Davidson, you dummy!"

"What is it, boss?" Davo asked fearfully, wondering what dreadful thing he had done this time.

"That was your wife waving to you. Get to the back window and wave back," was the retort and Davo



Alan Davidson in the Nottingham snow.

dutifully hurried to the back and waved to the rapidly receding car.

"I thought I was fit until I came here," he says, "and because it was nearly four months into the season the others got punished a little as I was trained with them. Normally they've left that behind by the end of August, and all they have to do is keep match-fit, but I had to be brought up to their standard, which is about 100 per cent fitter than the South Melbourne standard."

"Then there's the different tactics. The Gaffer doesn't want to see me run with the ball. My job is to win it and immediately ping it to the midfield, and they have to get it forward as quickly as possible too. Only the front-runners, like Peter Davenport, are allowed the luxury of hanging on to the ball."

"But our lads never know when they are beaten, and they fight to the last whistle. My second game was an example of that. It was against Man U, and at half-time we were two goals down, but we kept plugging away, and Johnny McGold got the winner with a superb bending free-kick a minute from time. That's when you feel proud to be part of it all."

Regarding his future in the English game, Davidson said only: "Carol and I regard this as a three-year adventure. It's too early to say yet what will happen at the end of the contract. Of course I miss my parents and family very much, but we are very happy here too, and we're moving into a new house in West Bridgford soon and then we shall be completely integrated here."

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# Dorigo set for

Near the end of last season, I was discussing my close-season trip to Britain with colleague Allan Crisp of Adelaide when he said to me: "Don't forget to interview Tony Dorigo."

"Tony who?" was my reaction, whereupon "Crunchie Crisp" proceeded to give me a lecture on my Melbourne insularity. "He's an Adelaide boy," he said, "who's making a name for himself at Aston Villa."

Most Australian players aspiring to stardom make their name here and then set off, hopefully for the big time. They find it hard in Britain because they arrive near the end of the year and the combination of the cold weather and the fact that clubs then are too deeply embroiled in the life and death matter of league survival to spare them much time, often spells failure.

But Dorigo was different. He was playing in Adelaide City's youth team, with the odd first team appearance, when Justin Fashanu came to guest for the club.

By  
**LES SHORROCK**



"It's really all down to Fashanu," Dorigo said when I visited him in England. "Between games he was coaching us young lads, and I said to him: 'Could I make it overseas?' Justin said: 'Show me what you can do,' and after he'd given me some rigorous workouts, he told me to try to get some big club's attention. So I sat down and wrote to 10 leading English clubs, but only Aston Villa replied. They offered me a trial,

## First HSC, then Scotland

**One Australian lad who had a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday in Scotland is 16-year-old Robert Brian, son of 'Herald' soccer writer, Bob Brian.**

Dad is a keen Hearts supporter from way back, and took young Robert for a trial at Tynecastle, with the result that he played in goal for Hearts against Hibernian on New Year's Day.

I went along to watch and I'm happy to be able to report that while his first half was less than memorable, he made some quite praiseworthy saves in the second, so much so that Hearts were prepared to persevere with him.

But despite being proud of him, mum and dad brought him back to finish his schooling, but they have promised that after he's passed his

HSC they'll pay his fare back to Scotland.

Just to end on a personal note, I went to as many games in England as the big freeze allowed, standing on the terraces, and I never saw a hint of crowd trouble.

True, there was always a big police presence, but at Stamford Bridge for instance, in London's only match on the day, Chelsea played Arsenal, and my wife and I stood, quite inadvertently, among several thousand Arsenal fans. They couldn't have been nicer, and with my wife being only a tick over 5ft (or 1500mm in metric speak), they made room for her at a crowd barrier so that she could see better. It wasn't a bad game either, despite a pitch more suitable to Torvill and Dean than Kerry Dixon, Paul Mariner and Co.



Robert Brian

# BLAIR TO JOIN HEARTS?

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"People ask me why I haven't tried to organise a trial with Celtic but the club is so popular that virtually everyone in Scotland wants to play there," he said.

"Hearts would give me a regular game and from there I'd have a much better chance of joining Celtic."

Blair said he was pleased to hear that he had the option of perhaps returning to the national team if he does not go to Scotland.

Another who aims to return to the Soccerroos is George Christopoulos, whose transfer from Canberra Arrows to Heidelberg United was finalised last week.

Christopoulos said he will sign a contract with Heidelberg which will pay Canberra a transfer fee of about \$18,000.

Christopoulos, 24, represented Australia 13 times from 1978 to 1983.

Arok, however, has overlooked the big midfielder, and told a gathering in Canberra last year that he had doubts about Christopoulos's fighting spirit and commitment.

Asked whether he thought he could force his way into the Soccerroos squad for World Cup qualifying matches late this year, despite his public squabble with Arok, Christopoulos said: "If I perform well on the park I don't think he'll be able to ignore me."

Christopoulos started with the Essendon Lions juniors, played senior soccer with Coburg for two seasons and joined South Melbourne Hellas as a 17-year-old.

He switched to Canberra three years ago when he started a course in sports studies at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra and spent part of last year with AEK Athens in Greece, before returning to see out the year with Canberra.



Steve Blair (top), George Christopoulos and Alan Davidson, during their days as young hopefuls at South Melbourne Hellas.

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# Aussies abroad

## stardom



Justin Fashanu (left) who inspired Tony Dorigo to try his luck in England, and Alan Ball (right) who offered Frank Farina a trial at Portsmouth.

my dad took me over to Birmingham, and they took me on as an apprentice. I was almost 16 when I went into the Villa hostel with about 30 other apprentices, and after my dad went back home it was very hard. What with the cold weather and having to make new friends I often wondered whether it was worth the effort. But I stuck it out and now I'm glad."

After his apprenticeship Dorigo signed a two-year contract and late last year, after his successful transition to first-team status, that contract was scrapped and replaced by a three-year one.

But before that he had played the whole of the 1982-83 season in the "stiffs", the reserve team that plays in the Central League, finally coming into the firsts as a sub in the last match of the season, at Ipswich.

Dorigo made his full-time debut against Chelsea last September, having demonstrated his versatility by scoring three goals from midfield in his seven reserve team appearances.

Manager Graham Turner has a lot of respect for Dorigo's versatility too. To quote from a recent Villa programme (Turner speaking): "For the Milk Cup match at QPR, Tony Dorigo came into the side at midfield, and gave a little bit of protection to the back four, making it difficult for Rangers to get at us as quickly as Leicester had done."

Ask Dorigo the difference between playing in Birmingham and in Adelaide, and he answers quickly: "Work."

"The whole tempo here is different," he says. "Over there we used to lark about at training. Here it's different, it's your bread and butter and you work at it. I owe a very great deal to youth coach Brian Little. As you can see from TV, the game is so much quicker here and it's hardest for defenders. You learn

quickly to do the right thing instinctively and immediately in the penalty box, or you're in trouble, and Brian taught me to keep looking around to see where everyone is, because it's all one-touch, all the time."

As Dorigo progressed, it was reserve coach Bill Shorthouse who took over as his mentor. It speaks volumes for Villa's talent-spotting ability that the comparatively unknown backroom boys like Little and Shorthouse saw enough in the raw Aussie kid to persuade the club to persevere with him, and it also speaks volumes for Dorigo and his faith in himself.

Now, everyone at the Villa recognises him as a star of the future.

When I announced myself at the front office at Villa Park, the receptionist said: "I'm not surprised you've come all the way from Australia to interview our Tony. He's going to be a big star."

Dorigo was voted Midlands Young Player of the Month for December.

The last question I asked him was: "What advice could I pass on to any Aussie lad who wants to make it in the big-time?"

He looked at me seriously for a moment, then said: "Be prepared to work very, very hard and listen. Ability is only 10 per cent of the answer; the other 90 per cent is determination, hard work, guts, whatever you like to call it. There are plenty of players in Australia with more natural ability than I had, but they are only mucking about, and they are never going to get anywhere. You have to have faith in yourself and back it, like Dave Mitchell, Alan Davidson and I have done."



Former Adelaide City youth player Tony Dorigo — hitting the heights with Aston Villa (when it's not snowing).

## Next time Farina may stay

Before he went home again to start his contract with Sydney City, I visited Frank Farina who was just coming to the end of a four-week trial with Portsmouth.

Frank was enthusiastic about Portsmouth — both the club and the people of Pompey itself. "I was very flattered when Mr. Ball came to me during the Soccerway tour and asked me if I'd like a trial, and they've really looked after me," he said. "The digs they put me in were home from home, and I've got on really well with all the lads, despite the occasional jokes about kangaroos etc."

He also echoed Dorigo's comments about how much harder the game in England is.

"I've always kept myself pretty fit," he says, "but in the first of the three Football Combination (reserves) matches I played, I was looking for somewhere to hide after half-an-hour. But I've benefited

greatly from the training and the coaching from people like Alan Ball and his assistant Dave Thomas.

"For instance I knew my biggest asset was speed and that my ball control wasn't anything wonderful. But they've worked on me for hours, especially on accurate one-touches and particularly on crossing the ball. They're very strong here on crossing the ball accurately. All the flashing runs down the wing are wasted if you don't get the ball over into the box where the action is."

So Sydney City should reap the benefit of a Farina more alert to using the ball to the best advantage, but there is every possibility that Frank could be back at Portsmouth for good this time next year.

"Before I left they were talking seriously to me about rejoining them, and I'd like nothing better, especially as they could be in the First Division then. I've really taken to Portsmouth. The people have been so kind and the climate down on the South Coast is probably the mildest in Britain. Yes, I'd love to go back."



Frank Farina

## Whittle to Gravesend, Liddell to Arbroath

Overseas round-up  
By PAUL MOON

● Frank Liddell (ex Brisbane City) is now attached to Arbroath of Scottish League Division Two.

● Uruguay confirmed its status as one of the major powers of world soccer with a 3-0 victory over East Germany in Montevideo. A crowd of 63,000 saw Carlos Aguilera, Jorge De Silva and recently crowned Americas Footballer of the Year Enzo Francescoli (all members of the Coca

Coca Cup finals squad in Australia) score the goals.

● Central Espanol became only the second club to loosen the Penarol-Nacional stranglehold on Uruguayan domestic soccer when claiming the 1984 National championship.

● Mick Small, England's centre forward during the Coca Cola World Cup in Australia in 1981, has continued his globetrotting. He recently joined Belgium's Standard Liege from Dutch League club Go Ahead Eagles for a \$400,000 fee.



Alan Whittle

● Ex Heidelberg United player Robert Vincent is reported to have joined Whitley Bay of the Northern League in England.

● Former Canberra Arrow Andy Brockbank has signed for Runcorn of the English Alliance Premier League.

● Former Newcastle and Wollongong star Jim Preston kept goal for the Hong Kong League Eleven, beaten 3-4 by West Bromwich Albion, in an exhibition game at the Crown Colony. Preston is now attached to the Sea Bee Club.

● Alan Whittle, once of Preston Makedonia and latterly in the United States, has signed for Gravesend and Northfleet, a member of the Southern League (England).

● Simon Kistemaker, briefly coach of Brisbane Lions, is believed to be on the short list for the vacant position at Austria Salzburg in the Austrian First Division.

● Former Wollongong Wolves and Blacktown City player Billy De Graaf has been appointed director of coaching at Rothmans' New Zealand National League club Mount Wellington.

● Jose Maria Pedrote, one of the outstanding coaches in contemporary Portuguese soccer, has died aged 56.

● Saudi Arabian Majed Abdullah, the "Pole of the Desert", became the first to be named "Asian Footballer of the Year" in a poll conducted by the publishers of the "Asian Soccer Handbook". Majed, who was prominent in both the Saudis' Asia-Oceania Olympic qualifying series and Asian Cup triumphs, finished comfortably ahead of Chinese winger Ge Guangming in the voting. Kuwait's Faisal Al Dakhl was third.

● Queensland State League Club Grange Thistle completed its tour of the Solomon Islands with a 50% record. After beating the Honiara youth selection 2-1, Grange lost to the Solomons national team 0-5, but drew the return

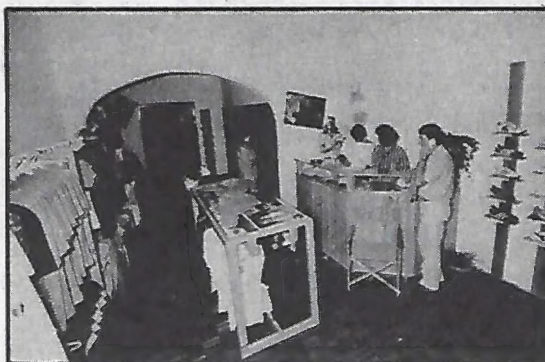
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# Zico won't come but thumbs up for Asian Cup

Two weeks ago I gave a friendly warning to the ASF, pointing out that the Italian Udinese, whom they plan to invite this year, may have to come without their star, Zico, about to return to his original club, Flamengo of Rio.

Now, some further developments in the case... and it's all bad news.

ASF marketing wizard Peter Sheehan is reportedly negotiating to bring out Udinese and also Tottenham in May-June for three "direct confrontation" matches plus some other games against the Socceroos.

This venture would net the ASF some \$50,000.

Zico, who's been injured for months now, looks certain to rejoin Flamengo. But even if he does not, he will be playing for Brazil at that time of year.

Brazil's World Cup campaign gets under way on June 2, with a match at La Paz, against Bolivia, followed by a game in Asuncion against Paraguay on June 16. The return matches are scheduled for June 23 and 30 in Brazil.

Tele Santana, about to return to the helm of Brazil, after a very brief but extremely rewarding Saudi Arabian sojourn, will want all his expatriate stars back in Brazil.

He has said that he would need Socrates Zico, Junior,

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Cerezo, Falcao and perhaps even Edinho and Dirceu, all of whom are now playing for Italian clubs.

And when Brazil calls, Zico and the others jump. Surely, nobody can imagine for a mad moment that Zico would rather play a few friendlies in Australia than to strive to make his third World Cup finals?

If the ASF wants an Italian team in 1985, they have to get one without Brazilian and Argentinian stars, such as Inter Milan, Verona, Torino, perhaps AC Milan.

As for Tottenham: if anybody is suggesting to Sheehan that the Londoners will come with a 'full team' in May-June, my answer to that is... as full as Manchester United did in 1984.

Ossie Ardiles is likely to be needed for Argentina from May 26 to June 30. Then, what about the British stars? England has two World Cup matches (May 1 and 22), Scotland one (May 28) in that period.

Does that sound to you like a full Tottenham here...?

It is nice to know that the ASF/NSL put brass to read my articles and, furthermore,

re, do, occasionally, accept my advice, too.

Last week, in Sydney, at the draw of the 1985 NSL Cup, chairman Sam Pappas announced plans for an Asian Cup.

This is something I have been advocating for some years now, in several of my writings; the last one in 1983, in this very newspaper... Vol. 8, No. 31 (see facsimile).

Of course, neither Sam Pappas nor anybody else would ever dream of acknowledging the original source of an idea. It's even possible, that, in a Goebbelsian way, after a while they convince themselves that it was THEIR own concept that has germinated into a plan.

Indeed, the NSL didn't even bother to invite me for the draw... maybe their strained budget couldn't stand another lemonade.

Ah, well... as the French would say: the more they stay the same...

It's nice to know that Australian soccer's popularity has been boosted sufficiently to be hailed in Europe.

That, anyway, is the

If the ASF-NSL bigwigs don't want to restore a Four on a regular basis, they should examine the possibility of launching a post-competition international series for the top clubs of the region — Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and anybody else who cares to join.

Europe, South America and Africa all have their own international club series, one way or another; there is no reason why Asia — at least South-East Asia — and Australia couldn't organize one, too.

And wouldn't it be something if, for once, Australia took the initiative in bringing this about?

## A cutting from an Andre Dettre column in our August 31, 1983 issue.

tempting conclusion upon reading that FIFA President Joao Havelange was last week awarded Portugal's highest sporting decoration, the "Sporting Merit Award" — whatever that may be.

The Portuguese Minister of Sport, in making the presentation, praised Havelange's role in "boosting the popularity of soccer in China, Japan and Australia", and even more surprisingly, "gaining acceptance of soccer at the Los Angeles Olympics."

Why the ageing, multi-millionaire head of FIFA has developed this obvious hankering for flattery, why he cannot resist such cuddles to his vanity, remains a mystery. But "awards" like this seem to be going his way regularly.

That unfortunate Portuguese Minister, probably some sort of a friend or business partner of Havelange, should know a bit better than crediting the FIFA chief with any Olympic success.

Soccer didn't have to be "accepted" at L.A.; it's been on the Olympic program since 1900.

The other part of the citation concerns us. Havelange, or so the Portuguese may believe, has boosted the popularity of soccer in Australia.

When, how, with what tangible results?

No doubt, the vague implication is that in 1981 we were allowed to stage the World Youth Cup finals. But that decision, I am sure, had more to do with the commercial interests of Coca-Cola than with FIFA's benevolence.

Some people claim that Havelange is like British royalty, the titular head but not the real power. I hope so. The efficient FIFA secretariats in FIFA never get awards and state citations from cronies; they just keep running the world's largest sporting organisation.



George Campbell of Preston Makedonia

## 'Wee' George waits... and hopes

George Campbell, caught in no man's land, has backed down and told Preston Makedonia he is prepared to take the wage cuts the club has asked for in order to get back in the game.

But Makedonia has shown a distinct lack of interest by telling him that he will have to wait a fortnight for a decision as the next committee meeting is scheduled for mid-February.

"There is no logic to what the club is doing," Campbell said.

"They either want me or they don't and if that's the case they should make it easier for me to move."

"I have not had one enquiry since I've been put on the transfer list."

"I don't know if it's because of the fee (\$13,500) but that has been declined negotiable anyway."

"Whatever it is, it's not doing much for my confidence. It's soul-destroying playing in the youth team, especially when you sit in the stand watching the team play."

"I'm 27 now and I can't really afford to sit on the sidelines, especially a Makedonia."

"Even if the club takes me back, it's going to be hard to force my way back in the side because the team is playing well and (coach) Bill Murray is unlikely to make too many changes while the results are going well."

Campbell was one of four players placed on the transfer list after Makedonia stuck to its stand of wage cuts because of the shorter NSL season.

Makedonia reasons that signing on fees have to be reduced proportionally because the league has been cut back from 28 to 22 matches this year.

"We received letters in November advising us of the cuts in wages," Campbell said.

"I have a contract with the club till next year and initially was not prepared to accept the cuts, basically because I felt it was wrong that the club can do that to you."

"But it has been frustrating sitting on the sidelines, especially since all four of us were



Peter Desira

suspended and told to train with the youth team," Campbell said.

"I approached John Branov last week and told him I appreciate the club's position in that they may be overcommitted and that I was prepared to talk and probably accept the cuts."

"I feel I have made the effort but their answer that the matter will only be brought up in a fortnight is disheartening."

"I don't know what the real situation is but I have a feeling that some members of the committee don't want me at the club anymore."

"I may have no alternative but to sit tight and go on playing in the youth team in which case the club will have to pay what is in my contract."

Campbell's statement that he has had no enquiries from other clubs is surprising, especially since John Branov said last week that clubs rang asking for permission to talk to Campbell.

"We have granted permission but there has been no follow-up to the initial enquiries and I can only presume that George may have told them he doesn't want to leave the club," Branov said.

Campbell came to Australia in 1978 after playing for Aberdeen in Scotland where he had earned the nickname of "White Pele" because of his close control and jinky runs.

He established himself as a supporters' favorite at South Melbourne Hellas in a six-year stint in which he scored 17 goals in 104 games in the NSL.

He fell out with the then coach Rale Rasic at the start of 1983 and was transferred to Makedonia in the swap deal which saw Doug Brown going the other way.

At Makedonia he has played 49 NSL games in two seasons and scored eight goals.

Campbell represented Victoria against Dundee in 1978, was a substitute against New York Cosmos in 1982 and then played a full game in the 2-0 win over Queensland in 1983.

## Christopher new boss?

The administrative era of Leo Anezakis at South Melbourne Hellas definitely has ended with the announcement last week of candidates standing for election to the committee at the club's annual general meeting this Sunday.

Anezakis, who has played a prominent role in club affairs at Hellas for over 10 years, is not one of 20 candidates standing for election. The candidates for the committee are:

George Vasiliopoulos, Nick Tsaknis, Paul Kastan, Christopher, Tony Barris, Jim Diamantaris, Peter Douros, Pierre Pellas, Bill Georgiannis, Chris Pappas, Stavo Paskos, Stratos Kalogeros, Nick Kamberopoulos, Simon Keras, Petalis Skrepatis, George Karageorgiou, Con Katakalis, Chris Kiritsopoulos, Manuel Leonidakis and Peter Mitralis.

Rumour has it that Chris Christopher is favourite to win the president's post.

Chris Kiritsopoulos said: "Losing Leo is a blow, but Hellas is a big club with a big support and there always are people prepared to take on the presidency," rebuking press reports that no-one was prepared to take over the presidential reins held by Anezakis for the past two years.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Marocchi's career in the balance!



Gary Marocchi (right) in his playing days at Adelaide City Juventus, is challenged by former South Melbourne Hellas star Billy Rogers.

Former Socceroo Gary Marocchi can't stop kicking himself for leaving Adelaide City Juventus two years ago.

Marocchi, 29, became one of the best schemers in the Phillips League during his six-year stint in South Australia from 1977. But two years after leaving Juventus his career is in the balance.

Officially Marocchi is on the books of Perth Azurri — realistically he is in no man's land. Last year Marocchi was appointed Azurri's player/coach but at the end of a somewhat disappointing season he was relieved of his coaching duties.

Marocchi claimed breach of contract and the upshot of an ensuing bitter row with management is that he is neither training nor playing with Azurri in the pre-season night series.

"I should have stayed in Adelaide," he said.

"I'm in a no-win situation in Perth because there is no way I'm going to play for Azurri under their conditions and I cannot ask for a transfer because I will be priced out of the market."

"Azurri have not treated me well. I gave them good service before and after I left for Adelaide."

Marocchi is still the marvelously gifted player of old and last December he was picked in the WA side which took part in an international tournament in India.

Under his captaincy and influence, WA reached the final before losing 1-0 to a Chinese provincial selection.

"I'm still fit and I would not like to give it away," Marocchi said.



Philip Micallef

"But I must say my future hangs in the balance."

"It's not worth considering the eastern states again because I'm pretty well set up at work."

Marocchi played all his junior football in Perth and in 1975, as a highly promising 19-year-old, he was picked in the Australian Under-23's.

Later in the year he earned full representative honours for the first time and the following year he formed part of the Socceroo team which toured Asia and Europe under Jimmy Shoulder.

Then, in 1977, came his big leap when he moved to Adelaide Juventus for \$12,000.

"When I returned to Perth Azurri six years later they paid only \$5000 for me so they made a nice little profit," Marocchi said.

"But that does not seem to count because I'm really under the gun at the moment."

So, while WA soccer continues to strive to earn recognition from a sporting public largely orientated towards Australian football, a player of Marocchi's calibre is sitting on the sidelines.

One only hopes the bitterness surrounding the negotiations between the two parties is replaced by commonsense, and the deadlock broken.

Australian, and particularly West Australian soccer cannot afford to have Marocchi out of action.

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# BOZANIC

## KING OF THE FULL BACKS WAITS FOR A CHANCE

Having available a highly-talented full back who scores regularly, and not using him in the national team, seems crazy.

"Yeah, I agreed with you," was the predictable reaction of APIA's Vic Bozanic, speaking at his Waverley home in Sydney's eastern suburbs.

I suggested that goalscoring full backs are rare enough at the best of times but that the squandering of such talent was puzzling indeed at a time when midfielders like Ian Gray and Wally Savor are being used as ersatz full backs in the Soccer side.

Bozanic's eyes flashed. "Look," he said, "I have scored from full back for South Australia, for West Adelaide, for APIA, for Marconi and even for NSW, playing in a practice match against Australia. What more can I do? The proof is there in what

I've done, but I suppose I've got to prove myself all over again now. I'm getting fed up with it, to tell you the truth."

Having failed to catch the eye of Frank Arok with his exploits at APIA and Marconi, Bozanic now is negotiating to join a different club where he intends to make it impossible for Arok to continue ignoring him. He wouldn't name the club. Olympic? Sydney Hakoah? "No clues," he said.

He was playing on loan from Marconi to APIA last season.

Now he's managed to get his transfer fee down to \$10,000 — the sort of money his new club can afford.

Bozanic, 27, is somewhat of an institution in Australian soccer. No full back has his scoring rate (22 goals in 163 NSL matches), and it's yet to be demonstrated that any NSL player has a harder shot. It was his goal that got West Adelaide Hellas the 1978 NSL championship, and although Arok hasn't used him yet, Bozanic played four games for Australia in the 1980 Oceania Cup in Noumea, appearing in midfield as well as defence and scoring two goals — admittedly, against mediocre opposition.

All in all, I have no hesitation in rating him among the finest full backs Australia has had — a man in the class of Col Curran, Harry Williams, Doug Utjesenovic; better than Stan Ackersley, George Keith, George Harris; faster than Jim Tansey.

Digressing for a moment, he's also a man of admirable business enterprise. Together with a close friend, a Thai who is a "brilliant" cook, Bozanic opened an Asian restaurant at Gooch Bay a year ago, and both are doing very well. He spends about 12 hours a day there, either side of training sessions.

It was because of the travelling involved from the eastern suburbs to Fairfield in the west that he urged Marconi to release him to APIA on loan. APIA played at Leichhardt, which is much closer to the city. "I lived at Liverpool for eight months after coming here from Adelaide, but I didn't enjoy it," he said. "I enjoy living as well as playing football, but the living out west was not my style, so I moved closer to town."

### Olympic?

That starts us sniffing again for the trail that might lead to his new club. I narrow it down to Sydney Hakoah and Sydney Olympic because they're closest to Waverley, not counting Arok's St George Budapest. It has to be either Hakoah or Olympic, I decide, but Bozanic still won't let on.

His old mate John Kosmina is captain of not only Hakoah, but also Australia. What better place for Bozanic to be?

Kosmina and Bozanic both came through the senior and then reserve ranks of Polonia Adelaide where Polish coach Henry Manka gave Bozanic, then 15, his first senior match. "Kosmina and I were together for five or six years. We got into the reserves together and then I chased him all the way."

Kosmina, however, was in England with Arsenal when West Adelaide won the 1978 championship. The title was decided in the last round of matches. West Adelaide Hellas needed at least a draw, otherwise Sydney Hakoah would have got up to win it. It looked bad for West Adelaide when a goal by John Perin gave Adelaide City Juventus a 1-0 lead in front of an 8000 crowd, but then Bozanic struck. "With about four or five minutes to go, I received the ball from Peter Boyle, just outside the 18-yard box, and hit it first-time on the volley, over Peter Marshall who was coming out of goal. I watched it bounce three times before it went into the net, making the final score 1-1. It gave me my best feeling in soccer."

A similar glow overcame him in games for South Australia against Czechoslovakia and AC Milan. He scored in both of them. "I played full back against Czechoslovakia and, without meaning to brag, it's quite an achievement to score against a national team from there," he said. "Against Milan, we were down by two or three goals to nil, when they switched me to midfield, and I scored from a free kick. That felt great, too."



● Vic Bozanic guards the near post and organises his fellow defenders.

Given that Bozanic has one of the most fearsome shots in the game, what other players come close? Kosmina, says Bozanic, can hit the ball very well, and Oscar Crino of SM-Hellas is quite deadly. Fine, but he's talking more about accuracy than power in relation to Kosmina and Crino, neither of whom has the sheer strength of Bozanic in his shooting. "OK. I tend to really get onto a ball. I belt it hard, and if he goes in, I goes in," he says rather modestly.

"I'd like to see more Australian players get more power into their shooting. It's a basic weakness. Look at the way they struggle to score in the national team. It would be nice to know that there's a guy there who'll have a go when it's near the box."

Did Bozanic think at any time during the past few seasons that he would finally be selected for Australia?

"Well, I thought it was a possibility after my good season with APIA last year. It was a big satisfaction when I scored two goals from full back as we beat Hakoah 2-1, even though John Bradley was sent off. But it's a funny thing with the national team. The coaches have their own opinions about who they want, so I've got to be concerned first and foremost with being happy with my club. If a national team chance comes along, then that's fair enough. I can only perform well and hope I catch the eye of the person who matters."

But Bozanic has done that for so long, so why is he still out? "Maybe he (Arok) doesn't like me. I don't know." Has his defensive ability been criticised, perhaps? "I

suppose it has, at times, but not of late. The priority for a full back is that he has to defend, of course, but sometimes I do take chances. If I were in the national side, everyone knows I'd be on an attacking game, so it would be a matter of backing me up."

"At APIA, Arno Bertogna and I work very well together. We were room-mates in Noumea during the Oceania Cup in 1980, and we're really good mates. He's part of the reason that I had such a good year with APIA. He always talked to me, saying: 'Go for it, I'll back you up.' He reads me well. At Marconi the back-up was only 50-50. Sometimes I got it, sometimes I didn't. I could only rely really on Tony Henderson."

Marconi, though, was in a slump when Bozanic joined in 1982. "The coach, Don Kgeantovic, had a few new players, and he was trying to encourage a European style of football, which I think is good, but we couldn't get together because you need more time for that, and maybe we lacked one or two players capable of doing it. Later, when Doug Collins took over, everything seemed to go right at training and so on, but we didn't seem to know how to win."

Victorian player Joe Piccione from Footscray JUST typified the dilemma in which Marconi was caught up as it was pulled by the European influence on one side and the British on the other. "Joe was an out-and-out ball player who could do absolutely anything on his day. The worst thing is to try to stop a player like him expressing himself. They tried to do that with Joe, instead of trying to blend his assets into the team structure."

Skill, says Bozanic, has slowly but surely been cut out of the game here. "There's more emphasis now on hard running and concentration on speed and fitness at the expense of ball work, which surely is wrong. The crowds pay money to see goals and to see entertaining football, but instead they get stifling, man-to-man clashes that result in stalemates. Yet, I must say that despite the man-to-man tactics, Sydney Olympic is one team that still manages to produce the football, because they've got players who love to show what they can do, and that's great."

Having been in the NSL since 1978, Bozanic had admired also the consistently good play of Sydney Hakoah, SM-Hellas, and Heidelberg-Alexander, as well as Marconi in the past year and Preston-Makedonia in matches he has played against that side.

### Beograd

Bozanic was born in the Adelaide suburb of Kilkenny and the love of football was instilled in him by his father, John, a keen fan of SA club Beograd, who was born 70 km north of Belgrade in Yugoslavia.

Vic started play for Beograd juniors at the age of nine but couldn't get a regular game there, so he went to Polonia. That's right, a cast-off at nine!

Luckily, though, Polonia gave Bozanic the chance to brush up on his skills, and the bug really bit. Apart from playing for Polonia, he also was in the Challa Gardens Primary School team, and always played at least two games on a Saturday. He later played for Croydon High School, while his career with Polonia continued to blossom.

Unlike most players, Bozanic has no hoodoo opponent. "Wherever I go, I go out to give my best and to win, regardless of who we're playing against. I believe you either play well or you play badly. No excuses."

"On the format of the NSL, he says: 'I believe they should have stuck with a one-league format, but smaller, say eight or 10 clubs at the most, so you'd have only the best in an elite set-up which would ensure top games by top players.'"

Vic Bozanic, by definition, would have to be part of it. In the meantime, that mystery club he is about to join (Hakoah, Olympic?) can look forward to making a spirit assault on the 1985 championship, with Bozanic scoring goals from full back.



● Bozanic with the 1979 West Adelaide Hellas team. From left, standing: Cheldi (coach), Totsikas, Kosmina, Topolanski, Forde, Honeyman, Gale, Crook, Tymczyszyn, Wells (massour). Front: Boyle, Lorenzoni, McGregor, Atzalas, Bozanic, Carruthers.



● With Marconi in 1982, from left, standing: Piccione, Licata, Calderan, Maher, Budini, Mariani. Front: McCulloch, Jankovics, Prskalo, Bozanic, Hunter, Silva.



● The Australian team that won the 1980 Oceania Cup in Noumea. From left, rear: Bruzasco, Davidson, Juricic (massour), Moulis. Middle: Waddell (tour leader), Reskopoulos, Gutendorf (coach), Hunter, Christopoulos, Hogg, Bertogna, Bozanic, Sharne, Selenidis, Bambridge (referee). Front: Blair, Banovic, Krncevic, Kay, Woodhouse.

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Will we be seeing Soccerroo stars of the future when the qualifying rounds of the World Youth Cup kick off at St George Stadium on Friday?

At the World Cup finals in Spain, in 1982, five members of the USSR team, eight members of the Honduras team, four Argentinians, three Yugoslavs, three Poles, three Spaniards, three Cameroonians, two Italians, two Algerians, a Brazilian, a Spaniard and a Hungarian, all had represented their countries in one of the three previous World Youth Cup finals.

The first World Youth Cup finals were held in Tunisia in 1977, however the finals didn't have championship status and were regarded by FIFA as a youth tournament.

It was a different matter in 1979 when Japan hosted the World Youth Cup finals, which by then had been afforded championship status. Australia won the Oceania qualifying tournament in New Zealand but failed to overcome Paraguay and Israel in Paraguay to win a finals berth.

Australia hosted the 1981 World Youth Cup finals and didn't have to qualify. New Zealand won the Oceania qualifying tournament in Fiji but Argentina won the triangular series against the Kiwis and Israel for the right to a finals spot.

Australia won the Oceania qualifying tournament in Papua New Guinea in 1982, travelled to Costa Rica and won the series there against the home country and Israel in 1983, then set off to Mexico for the finals. Although the young Soccerroos failed to reach the quarter-finals in Mexico, they claimed the scalp of European champion Scotland, no mean feat.

Australia now is about to record a first when the qualifying series gets underway on Friday for it never has enjoyed the luxury of a home game in a qualifying series. The set-up this year also is a first. Israel has been included in the Oceania region, instead of qualifying direct to a second qualifying series, and the winner of this series at St George Stadium goes straight into the World Youth Cup finals in the USSR in August.

Let's look at the final placings in the four World Youth Cup finals staged so far:

Tunisia, 1977: USSR 1st, Mexico 2nd, Brazil 3rd, Uruguay 4th.

Japan, 1979: Argentina 1st, USSR 2nd, Uruguay 3rd, Poland 4th.

Australia, 1981: West Germany 1st, Qatar 2nd, Romania 3rd, England 4th.

Mexico, 1983: Brazil 1st, Argentina 2nd, Poland 3rd, South Korea 4th.

## Programme for the World Youth Championship qualifying series at St. George Stadium, Sydney:

### ROUND 1 — FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

4.30 p.m.	Fiji	V	Papua New Guinea
6.15 p.m.	Chinese Taipei	V	Israel
8.15 p.m.	New Zealand	V	Australia

### ROUND 2 — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

1.30 p.m.	Papua New Guinea	V	Israel
3 p.m.	Chinese Taipei	V	New Zealand
5 p.m.	Australia	V	Fiji

### ROUND 3 — WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

4.30 p.m.	New Zealand	V	Papua New Guinea
6.15 p.m.	Israel	V	Fiji
8.15 p.m.	Chinese Taipei	V	Australia

### ROUND 4 — FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

4.30 p.m.	Fiji	V	Chinese Taipei
6.15 p.m.	Israel	V	New Zealand
8.15 p.m.	Australia	V	Papua New Guinea

### ROUND 5 — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

11.15 a.m.	Chinese Taipei	V	Papua New Guinea
1.00 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.	Fiji	V	Ampol Cup finals
6.15 p.m.	Australia	V	Israel

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Levi Kozitski  
Schlomo Ben-Shimon

## Yehzekel Shalom

OFFICIALS: David Harshkowitz — Coach, Lior Rosenthal — Assistant Coach, Nir Klingner — Assistant Coach, Alon Hason — Assistant Coach, Haim Shoshua — Assistant Coach, Israel Davidovich — Assistant Coach, Yaron Gossli — Assistant Coach, Alon Nathan — Assistant Coach, Itzhak Gueta — Assistant Coach, Levi Gay — Assistant Coach, David Gordon — Assistant Coach, Liron Petruschak — Assistant Coach, Elan Chikhaon — Assistant Coach, Dror Meior — Assistant Coach, Brak Gay — Assistant Coach, Erez Gutman — Assistant Coach, Shmuel Ofir — Assistant Coach, Dhan Mordochai — Assistant Coach, Yehzekel Shalom — Assistant Coach, Yaron Cohen — Assistant Coach, Zvi Gordon — Assistant Coach, Brian Dizon — Assistant Coach, Moshe Aizenberg — Assistant Coach.

## Papua N.G.

OFFICIALS: Thomas Bullen — Manager, Gary Kala — Assistant Manager, Hans Rademacher — Coach, John Paka — Assistant Coach, Captain Sios — Doctor, Andrew Waho — Secretary PNG Football Association.

### PLAYERS

Eighteen players will be selected from those listed:

Pohua Sindal  
Steven Dekano  
Steven Dekano  
Rikosi Mapi  
Calisto Pakanis  
Lawrence Pari  
Joe Mui  
Pamela Pandras  
Wari Agbo

## Kings Gombau

OFFICIALS: Chang Wen-Li — Manager, Hu Shu-Fan — Assistant Manager and Secretary, Chen Chia-Fu — Coach, Lee Po-Hung — Assistant Coach, Hsieh Wen-Ming — Administrator.

## Chinese Taipei

OFFICIALS: Chang Wen-Li — Manager, Hu Shu-Fan — Assistant Manager and Secretary, Chen Chia-Fu — Coach, Lee Po-Hung — Assistant Coach, Hsieh Wen-Ming — Administrator.

### PLAYERS

1. Hui Wen-Fong
2. Chang Yao-Chuan
3. Pan Kuo-Liang
4. Chen Tso-Lung
5. Lin Ching-Lung
6. Cheng Chun-Kuei (Captain)
7. Tsang Tso-Hung
8. Yang Mao-Hsiung
9. Chien Yi-Hsiu
10. Lai Kuo-Chou
11. Huang Tso-Shang
12. Yeh Ching-Tong
13. Mu Chin-Chung
14. Tu Sung-Hai
15. Lee Wen-Tai
16. Chen Yen-Chen
17. Yang Fu-Hsiung
18. Huang Kuo-Fang

## Fiji

OFFICIALS: H.P. Singh — President, Dr. H. Kowal — Director, Billy Singh —

Coach, Dr. De Ase — Doctor, Balu Ramiga — Massager.

### PLAYERS

1. Samuli Tokileig
2. Isakeli Delana
3. Johnny Andrews
4. Ivok Evans
5. Akulua Rewa Remealua
6. Stanley Sijoy Kumar
7. Mohd Ayub Khan
8. Vijay Raj
9. James Hoyt
10. Clyde Capilavu
11. Peter Simon
12. Marisio Nawaui
13. Sami Vuori
14. Isopua Kacynca
15. Faizal Anwar Shah
16. Victor Lagi
17. Ravunne Madigi
18. Kama Epeli Dama

## New Zealand

OFFICIALS: Ray Karabala — Tour Leader, Doug Moore — Manager, Neil McKenzie — Assistant Manager, Glen Gallagher — Physiotherapist.

### PLAYERS

1. David White
2. Eugene Chan
3. Michael Irving
4. Michael Evans
5. Shane Chapman
6. Michael Fulton
7. Neal Cave
8. Stuart Jacobs
9. Darren McClelland
10. Mark Casper
11. Paul Probert
12. Lee Green
13. Phillip Barton
14. Leighton Edwards
15. Paul Oltshoorn
16. Graham Jones
17. Stephen O'Donoghue
18. Rodney Wallbank

# Two championships in one

During this qualifying series two competitions shall be conducted.

Like other Confederations, Oceania conducts bi-annual Youth Championships for all member countries. The winner of this series has in the past won the right to play in the FIFA Inter-Continental series to progress into the World Youth Cup.

Israel has been added to these championships and the Oceania Youth

Championships and the World Youth Championship elimination series now have been combined.

As such, two point scores will be compiled. One for all games played for the World Youth Championships and one for the Oceania series when the team playing Israel will be recorded as a bye.

The winner of the World Youth Championship series shall play in the finals to be conducted in the USSR in August and the winner of the Oceania series shall receive the Oceania Youth Championship medals.

# Kick off times changed

Teenage Australian players of the future will get an opportunity to display their potential during the crucial last round clash between Australia and Israel in the Oceania qualifying section of the World Youth championship.

The finalists in the NSW Mini-Ampol Cup for Under 13 teams have been invited to decide their title as a preliminary to the State Ampol Cup final and the World Youth matches at St. George Stadium.

"Some of the best young players in NSW will be taking part and we could be watching our future representatives for the 1989 or 1991 World Youth

championships," said ASF executive director Brian Emery.

The Australia-Israel fixture winds up the ten-day tournament from which the winner will qualify direct to the world finals in Russia in August.

A soccer spectacular had been arranged for the last day involving the six Oceania nations of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Chinese Taipei and Israel and three Ampol Cup matches.

"I thought the program was too hectic and after conferring with NSW Federation officials, it was decided to move the playoff for third in the Ampol Cup to another date," said Emery.

# Lemair backs kids

A leading Australian electrical distributor has announced an incentive sponsorship to coincide with the World Youth Cup qualifying rounds.

Lemair Australia will present a Man-of-the-Match award to each of the five qualifying games where Australia is represented.

A Player-of-the-Series award, judged by a panel of Sydney soccer journalists, also will be presented at the end of the final round.

General sales manager for Lemair, Harry Marr, said the sponsorship was an extension of Lemair's on-going support for Australian soccer.

"This also enabled us to start the day's events an hour later at 11.15 and bring forward the Israel-Australia game."

"It had originally been scheduled for an 8.45 p.m. kickoff but will now start at 6.15 p.m."

The Israeli teams arrived in Sydney last Saturday afternoon, Papua New Guinea last Sunday, and Fiji and New Zealand on Monday, while Chinese Taipei and Australia take up their quarters today (Wednesday).

Australia under national youth coach Jim Shoulder, has been in camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra since Saturday, February 2.

All awards throughout the World Cup series are drawn from the Lemair product range and include air conditioners, bar fridge, domestic freezer and 240 litre refrigerator.

The Player-of-the-Series will receive a 51cm television valued at \$699.

Mr Brian Emery, executive director of the ASF who sanctioned the youth sponsorship, said he welcomed Lemair's involvement in the Cup play-

conjunction with support secured from Lotto Management Services.

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# Let's meet the Kiwis

Logically, New Zealand must be regarded as the major danger to Australia in the Oceania Youth Tournament.

Its squad is a sound one, possibly equal in depth and ability to that of 1980, when the Kiwis surprised Australia with a 2-0 win in the final.

DAVID WHITE (Christchurch Brother United): A highly promising goalkeeper, he established himself as a first team squad member with his Rothmans' National League club in 1984.

RODNEY WALLBANK (Hanimex North Shore United): Just 16, he was a member of the New Zealand under 15 team which toured Australia in 1983.

EUGENE CHAN (Seaton): This efficient full back had an outstanding record in junior football whilst at Wellington College and continues to show great promise with his regional league club.

MICHAEL IRVINE (Dunedin City): Made his Rothmans' National League debut with Dunedin Technical in 1983, before switching to nearby City. An excellent prospect at full back, he represented Otago at all junior levels.

SEANE CLAPPERTON (Napier City Rovers): A product of Hastings Boys' High School, he joined Napier's Rothmans' National League club last year and won many plaudits for a series of outstanding displays.

MICHAEL EVANS (Dunedin City): Equally at home either as left back or midfielder. He started with home town club Gisborne City, but moved to Dunedin City during 1984 in order to gain Rothmans' National League experience.

LEE GREEN (Hanimex North Shore United): An ever-present in the New Zealand team which finished third at the 1983 Australian Inter-State Under 15 Championship.

MIKE FULLER (Nomads United): A forceful midfielder who won his place in the squad despite playing for an obscure, Christchurch-based, regional league club.

STUART JACOBS (National Mutual Miramar Rangers): This talented striker, who spent the 1982-83 European season with Hibernian (Scotland), is an established Rothmans' National Soccer League performer.

PAUL OLTSHOORN (Petersburg): Was immediately drafted into the squad after being named "Player of the Tournament" at the national Under 19 Club Championship.

STEPHEN O'DONOGHUE (Napier City Rovers): English born midfielder, who has progressed through Napier's excellent youth set up.

PAUL PROBERT (Gisborne City): A very speedy player, who can perform equally effectively as midfielder or striker.

NEIL CAVE (Wellington Diamond United): The 1984 New Zealand Young Player of the Year. A creative midfielder who seems destined for a magnificent future, he obviously is a key man for the Kiwis.

GRAHAM JONES (South Canterbury United): A skilful midfielder, who was plucked from his small provincial club to join the squad.

LEIGHTON EDWARDS (Claudelands Rovers): Robust, six foot tall striker, who spent last two seasons with Rothmans' National League club McKee Nelson United, but has recently joined ambitious Northern Regional League outfit Claudelands Rovers.

MARK COSSEY (Hamilton): Was 15 years, 305 days old, when becoming youngest ever to make Rothmans' New Zealand National League debut (with Hamilton in 1982).

PHILIP BARTON (North Wellington): An outstanding success during the team's internal tour last year. He is capable of scoring spectacular solo goals.

DARREN MCCLENNAN (Howick): He, along with Jacobs and Cossey, survive from the 1982 Oceania Youth Cup squad. A versatile forward, who missed the entire 1984 season with a back injury.

DOUG MOORE (Coach): Son of Bill Moore, trainer of Aston Villa's 1957 English F.A. Cup winning side. Unable to find a fulfilling position in England, he moved to New Zealand in 1975, to become Southern Regional Coach. After guiding club sides Nelson United and Manurewa, became Assistant National Director of Coaching in



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## Refs, linesmen

Here are the tournament officials:

Oceania and FIFA representative: Ahmed Hussain (Fiji).

Referees: D. Campbell (Australia), Chen Ming-Chen (Chinese Taipei), M. Singh (Fiji), Ovidie Ben Tizhak (Israel), I. Moule (Papua New Guinea), L. Sharpe (New Zealand).

Linesmen: P. Rampley, R. Lorenc, T. Davies, G. Power (all Australia).

L. Wilson and M. Buchanan are the liaison officers for the



# Murray fires at Collins, Inter Monaro

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Doug Collins is not Green Gully recruit Jim Murray's favorite Australian soccer personality and as far as the 22-year-old defender is concerned, Inter Monaro is having "a one-year fling" in the National League.

But start talking to the former Canberra player about his new club and you elicit much more positive responses.

"Green Gully has been great so far. The players have been good to me and the people within the club have been exceptionally friendly. Gully's so professional. If things have to be done then they get done, it's as simple as that. And there aren't any hassles over payments. If you have to be paid at a certain time, you get paid. I'm very impressed by what I've seen so far," said Murray.

The quality of the players at Green Gully also impresses Murray.

"There seems to be more good players here, rather than having just one really good defender, one good midfielder and a good forward."

Born in Glasgow, Murray came to Australia when he was nine. He played with West Australian State League club Morley Windmills and also represented the State at junior and youth levels, playing alongside former Sydney City Hawks and Heidelberg player John Spanos, now with Marconi.

Ron Tindall coached Murray when the West Australian youth team played in the 1980 national titles in Canberra. An interested spectator at those titles was national coach Rudi Gutendorf and Murray was one of the youngsters selected in Gutendorf's train-on squad for the young Socceroos. But when the squad was cut down, Murray was omitted.

It wasn't a major blow to his development, however, for Murray spent 1981 at the Institute of Sport in Canberra and says that his experiences there were "incredible" and gave him "the chance to be seen in that part of Australia."

At the end of 1981 he toured the U.K. with the AIS squad, playing against Chelsea, Darlington and Lincoln youths and Middlesbrough and Sunderland reserves.

George Murray, then coaching Canberra, approached Murray and Angelo Ambrosino early in 1982 and they signed with the NSL outfit.

"We (Murray and Ambrosino) both broke into Canberra's first team and I became a regular," he says.

"George Murray was tremendous. He always had time for the young players. He'd spend hours working with us whether the rain was thumping down or the heat was stifling."



Jim Murray

"But when Doug Collins came to Canberra for the 1984 season, things started to go bad for me. I remember Collins calling me into his office pre-season and telling me that he wasn't interested in me. I'm not so sure that he even knew that I still was under contract to the club. Anyway, I told him that I thought that I was good enough to command a place in the side and all I wanted was a chance to prove that to him."

"I played in the first four league games of 1984 but in that fourth match, a wash-out against South Melbourne Hellas, I messed up a back pass and South Melbourne scored. That cost me my place in the side and then Collins signed Peter Burke, who is a really good player, and Jim Harkins, who had been playing only local soccer. He preferred them to me and there even was a stage when he preferred one of the youth team lads to me even though I'd had 40 first team games under my belt."

That was when Murray realised that he had to move if his aim of re-establishing himself in the NSL was to be realised. Sunshine-George Cross approached him last year but for job reasons, Murray knocked back the offer.

It was a different matter when Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan contacted Murray last December, even though Murray couldn't move to Melbourne until January. Before heading to Green Gully, he received a phone call from Inter Monaro president Laurie Pastrello, inviting him, along with Andrew Young, to come down to Inter.

"I thought that he (Pastrello) was going to talk about me joining but when I got there I found it was one of these meet-the-coach things. I couldn't believe it. Monaro just had taken it for granted that I'd join."

"It's so amateurish there, it's not funny. As far as I'm concerned, Monaro will have a one-year fling in the National League."

So Murray signed a two-year contract with Green Gully and was transferred from Canberra for \$2,500.

Judging by his Buffalo Gold Cup display against South Melbourne Hellas last week, both Canberra and Inter Monaro could long regret letting Murray slip through their fingers.

# Let's crush the bone-crunchers

THE Australian Soccer Federation, if it viewed the violent nature of National League soccer last year with as much distaste as I did, should take deliberate steps to curb the brutality on our playing pitches now.

We, who try to fill the vacuum left by a general lack of technique with bristling muscle and the crunch of the bone, let our game drop to an all-time low in 1984.

We, who try to spread the soccer gospel against monumental social resistance, have permitted the game's ugliest qualities to fester, allowing the converted to turn away, rather than wooing the unconverted to the true faith.

And without managerial interference it will, I fear, continue in 1985.

By interference I mean tangible instruction from the ASF to the referees who, outside the confines of their skills and honesty, have neither the power nor the authority to clean up the game with missionary zeal.

Yes, believe it or not, they ARE powerless despite the fact that pointing the finger at a referee's ineptitude is the most convenient answer to many things, including violent play.

True, the referees do have something to do with violent play. True, they CAN be vigorous in their punishment, in their issue of yellow and red cards.

But only so far as the stiffness of the rules allows them, and with the normal allowances made for human error to which referees, like players, are entitled.

As Leo Wilson, the man in overall charge of referees' coaching in Australia and a FIFA referees instructor, points out: In this country almost every league championship is a mini-World Cup with nationalistic fervor running high both on and off the park.

The fans demand that the opposing team, which bears the same flag under which unforgivable atrocities were committed 500 years ago against an innocent nation, be beaten and taught a lesson.

The zeal for political revenge filters through to the coach and thence to the players, leaving a referee with a whistle as the sole policeman and arbitrator.

So the referee does his best. With rules and appropriate punishments memorised he gives free kicks, warns players, books them and sends them off.

He sometimes misses violent incidents. He sometimes misreads them and apportions blame to the wrong player.

He might not act with vigour early enough (as Richard Lorenc didn't in that notorious Olympic v Hakoah free-for-all last season).

Or at times he may be consciously unwilling to flash the red card, not wishing to remembered as the man who spoils such an important game by tilting the numbers.

But once he does send players off he is not responsible for the length of their suspension — and this is where the ASF could do itself some good deeds in terms of public relations, in terms of cleaning up the game and in terms of mere common justice.



LES MURRAY

Some of the leg-choppers we saw get away with their mandatory one-match ban last season should have been arrested for criminal assault, much less allowed to return, laughing, to the field two weeks later.

And I would recruit the club coaches in this campaign as well. And by force if necessary, seeing coaches are big on wins and draws but rather small on philanthropic regard for the legs of opponents.

Deducting a few points for having in excess of a prescribed number of yellow and red cards would soon enliven their instinct for philanthropy, though.

What I'm suggesting is that a three-pronged attack, by legislation, be launched on violent play:

- The referees to be issued with instructions for increased vigilance on violent play and an increased readiness to punish offenders. According to the rule book violent conduct and serious foul play are both immediate sending-off offences, not yellow card offences. Such cases are spectacularly clear for the eye to see and if any such offenders are not sent off it should bring "please explain" letters from the ASF to the Referees' Federation.

- The referees already have their own system where the attending inspector deducts points from the referee's performance record. At the moment not sending off a player seen to be guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play means a deduction of one point out of 10.

- I suggest, for the benefit of the campaign, the figure be increased to two.

- Players sent off and found guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play should be punished with a minimum mandatory suspension of two matches. Further, such offences should be judged on their seriousness (videos these days are more often than not available) with the more blatant offenders given longer suspension.

- A points system for clubs should be devised, whereby a prescribed number of yellow and red cards add up to a threshold figure beyond which the club is punished with a deduction of championship points.

Think of the public relations plus that would be gained if soccer launched such a campaign and, for once, turned inward in order to find ways to sell itself.

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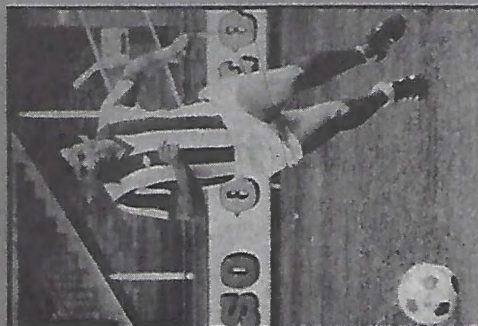
Zdenko Brkljacic of St. Albans Dinamo



Thomastown striker Brendan Latic



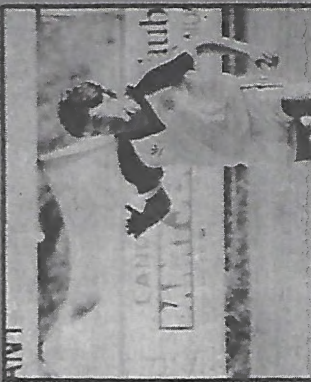
David Azzopardi of Box Hill



Polonia striker Janusz Przybyla



Fawkner defender Cesare Fattore. Ian Tuf-  
field is in the background.



# Victorian State League, 1985

**ROUND 1:** Saturday, March 23  
Springvale City v Knox City  
Albion Rovers v Ringwood City  
Sunday, March 24  
Morwell Falcons v Western Suburbs  
Box Hill v St Albans  
Fawkner v Frankston Pines  
Polonia v Northcote City  
Croydon City v Thomastown  
Sunday, March 31  
Northcote City v Croydon City  
Ringwood City v Fawkner  
Western Suburbs v Box Hill  
Thomastown v Springvale City  
Knox City v Morwell Falcons

**ROUND 2:** Saturday, March 30th  
Frankston Pines v Polonia  
St Albans v Albion Rovers  
Sunday, March 31  
Northcote City v Croydon City  
Ringwood City v Fawkner  
Western Suburbs v Box Hill  
Thomastown v Springvale City  
Knox City v Morwell Falcons

**ROUND 3:** Saturday, April 6  
Morwell Falcons v Springvale City  
Albion Rovers v Western Suburbs  
Box Hill v Knox City  
Fawkner v St Albans  
Polonia v Ringwood City  
Croydon City v Frankston Pines  
Northcote City v Thomastown

**Sunday, May 5**  
Fawkner v Morwell Falcons  
Polonia v Springvale City  
Croydon City v Knox City  
Northcote City v Western Suburbs  
Ringwood City v Thomastown.

**ROUND 8:** Saturday, May 11  
St Albans v Ringwood City  
Springvale City v Croydon City  
Morwell Falcons v Polonia  
Sunday, May 12  
Western Suburbs v Frankston Pines  
Thomastown v Albion Rovers  
Knox City v Northcote City  
Box Hill v Fawkner

**ROUND 9:** Saturday, May 18  
Frankston Pines v Knox City  
St Albans v Thomastown  
Sunday, May 19  
Fawkner v Albion Rovers  
Polonia v Box Hill  
Croydon City v Morwell Falcons  
Northcote City v Springvale City  
Ringwood City v Western Suburbs

**ROUND 10:** Saturday, May 25  
Springvale City v Frankston Pines  
Morwell Falcons v Northcote City

**ROUND 14:** Saturday, June 22  
Knox City v Springvale City  
St Albans v Box Hill  
Frankston Pines v Fawkner  
Sunday, June 23  
Western Suburbs v Morwell Falcons  
Ringwood City v Albion Rovers  
Northcote City v Polonia  
Thomastown v Croydon City

**ROUND 15:** Saturday, June 29  
Albion Rovers v St Albans  
Springvale City v Thomastown  
Morwell Falcons v Knox City  
Sunday, June 30  
Croydon City v Northcote City  
Polonia v Ringwood City  
Fawkner v Ringwood City  
Box Hill v Western Suburbs

**ROUND 16:** Saturday, July 6  
Springvale City v Morwell Falcons  
Knox City v Box Hill  
St Albans v Fawkner  
Frankston Pines v Croydon City  
Sunday, July 7  
Western Suburbs v Albion Rovers  
Ringwood City v Polonia  
Thomastown v Northcote City

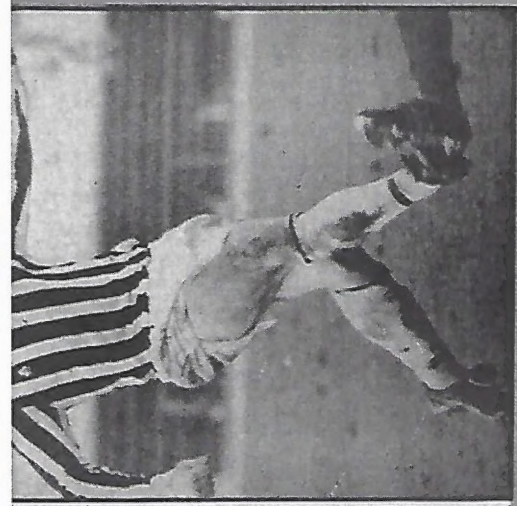
**Sunday, August 4**  
Box Hill v Albion Rovers  
Western Suburbs v Northcote City  
Thomastown v Ringwood City

**ROUND 21:** Saturday, August 10  
Frankston Pines v Western Suburbs  
Albion Rovers v Thomastown  
Sunday, August 11  
Ringwood City v St Albans  
Northcote City v Knox City  
Croydon City v Springvale City  
Polonia v Morwell Falcons  
Knox City v Frankston Pines  
Fawkner v Box Hill

**ROUND 22:** Saturday, August 17  
Albion Rovers v Fawkner  
Morwell Falcons v Croydon City  
Springvale City v Northcote City  
Knox City v Frankston Pines  
Box Hill v Ringwood City  
Sunday, August 18  
Western Suburbs v Ringwood City  
Thomastown v St Albans

**ROUND 23:** Saturday, August 24  
St Albans v Western Suburbs  
Frankston Pines v Springvale City  
Sunday, August 25

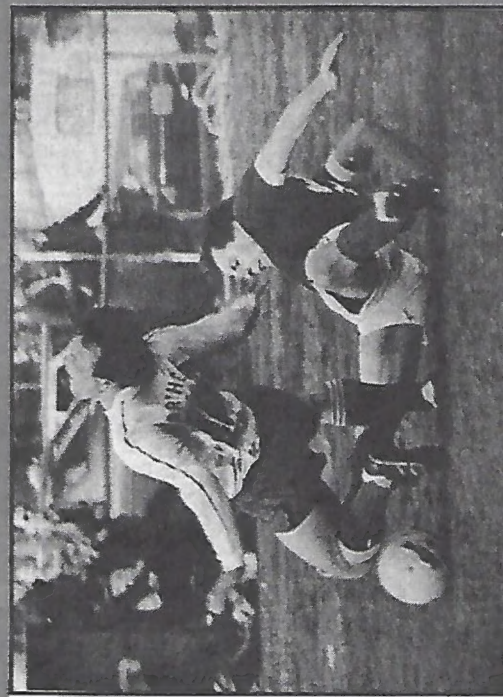




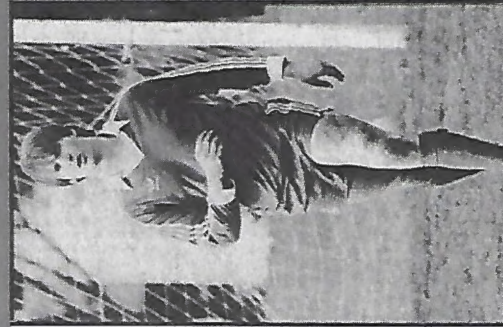
Springvale City midfielder God Bannon



Jim Ross of Frankston Pines



Albion Rovers midfielder Gerry Reilly (right) tackles Branko Culina of St Albans



Ringwood goalkeeper Wilhelmina Stuart Lee



Croydon's Jim Tansey



Northcote's attacking midfielder, Torio

Frankston Pines v Northcote City  
St Albans v Polonia  
Springvale City v Box Hill  
Sunday, April 21  
Ringwood City v Croydon City  
Western Suburbs v Fawkner  
Thomastown v Morwell Falcons  
Knox City v Albion Rovers

ROUND 5: Saturday, April 20  
Albion Rovers v Springvale City  
Frankston Pines v Thomastown  
Sunday, April 21  
Box Hill v Morwell Falcons  
Fawkner v Knox City  
Polonia v Western Suburbs  
Croydon City v St Albans  
Northcote City v Ringwood City

ROUND 6: Saturday, April 27  
St Albans v Northcote City  
Springvale City v Fawkner  
Morwell Falcons v Albion Rovers  
Sunday, April 28  
Ringwood City v Frankston Pines  
Western Suburbs v Croydon City  
Thomastown v Box Hill  
Knox City v Polonia

ROUND 7: Saturday, May 4  
Albion Rovers v Box Hill  
Frankston Pines v St Albans

Western Suburbs v St Albans  
Thomastown v Fawkner  
Knox City v Ringwood City  
Box Hill v Croydon City  
Sunday, June 1  
Frankston Pines v Morwell Falcons  
St Albans v Knox City  
Sunday, June 2  
Polonia v Fawkner  
Croydon City v Albion Rovers  
Northcote City v Box Hill  
Ringwood City v Springvale City  
Western Suburbs v Thomastown

ROUND 12: Saturday, June 8  
Springvale City v St Albans  
Morwell Falcons v Ringwood City  
Albion Rovers v Northcote City  
Sunday, June 9  
Thomastown v Polonia  
Knox City v Western Suburbs  
Box Hill v Frankston Pines  
Fawkner v Croydon City

ROUND 13: Saturday, June 15  
Frankston Pines v Albion Rovers  
St Albans v Morwell Falcons  
Sunday, June 16  
Croydon City v Polonia  
Northcote City v Fawkner  
Ringwood City v Box Hill  
Western Suburbs v Springvale City  
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Morwell Falcons v Thomastown  
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Sunday, July 14  
Northcote City v Frankston Pines  
Croydon City v Ringwood City  
Polonia v St Albans  
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ROUND 18: Saturday, July 20  
Morwell Falcons v Box Hill  
Springvale City v Albion Rovers  
Knox City v Fawkner  
St Albans v Croydon City  
Sunday, July 21  
Western Suburbs v Polonia  
Ringwood City v Northcote City  
Thomastown v Frankston Pines

ROUND 19: Saturday, July 27  
Frankston Pines v Ringwood City  
Albion Rovers v Morwell Falcons  
Sunday, July 28  
Northcote City v St Albans  
Croydon City v Western Suburbs  
Box Hill v Thomastown  
Polonia v Knox City  
Fawkner v Springvale City

ROUND 20: Saturday, August 3  
Morwell Falcons v Fawkner  
Springvale City v Polonia  
Knox City v Croydon City  
St Albans v Frankston Pines

Northcote City v Morwell Falcons  
Croydon City v Box Hill  
Polonia v Albion Rovers

ROUND 24: Saturday, August 31  
Albion Rovers v Croydon City  
Morwell Falcons v Frankston Pines  
Springvale City v Ringwood City  
Knox City v St Albans  
Sunday, September 1  
Fawkner v Polonia  
Box Hill v Northcote City  
Thomastown v Western Suburbs

ROUND 25: Saturday, Sep 7  
St Albans v Springvale City  
Frankston Pines v Box Hill  
Sunday, Sep 8  
Polonia v Thomastown  
Western Suburbs v Knox City  
Ringwood City v Morwell Falcons  
Northcote City v Albion Rovers  
Croydon City v Fawkner

ROUND 26: Saturday, Sep 14  
Albion Rovers v Frankston Pines  
Morwell Falcons v St Albans  
Springvale City v Western Suburbs  
Knox City v Thomastown  
Sunday, Sep 16  
Polonia v Croydon City  
Fawkner v Northcote City  
Box Hill v Ringwood City

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# Tapai in top form, Lazopoulos scores

**Foots JUST 2 Juventus 0**

Look back at this game and you remember the fine work of Ernie Tapai, Vlatko Belic, Tom Karic, Emil Petrov and Dennis Boland. You remember nothing noteworthy about Juventus, except for that tigerish go-getter, Frank Gere-mia.

It must have given the JUST fans a warm glow of satisfaction. Juventus had attracted all the publicity and although it hadn't been winning, everyone was saying: Watch Juve, it's only a matter of time! J.U.S.T. had been signing a few relatively unknown locals as better-known players cleared out, telling one and all that J.U.S.T. had no future.

Coach Cedo Cirkovic meanwhile, had been adamant that his new J.U.S.T. would be much better than the old one. There's a long way to go, but I think he will be proved right.

Branislav Jovic, who played for Novi Sad in Yugoslavia, got his clearance finally, and played at centre back alongside Tom Karic, but he'll have to get much more involved in future games. J.U.S.T. also needs a striker, to complement the



**Milan Stojilovic (JUST)**

good work of Bill Lazopoulos and especially Tapai, who was extremely impressive in this match.

Lazopoulos scored in the ninth minute, but JUST didn't make sure of the victory until a minute from the end when Belic made it 2-0. In between, J.U.S.T. defended quite well and tried to play on the break, but to achieve results consistently, it will need a far greater share of the ball and its players should start using their considerable skills to advantage, rather than appearing shy of the ball.

Juventus over-ran the midfield after J.U.S.T. had scored, but its players barged about without any sense of purpose, and there was great congestion in attack, which contributed to the lack of goals.

Gary Ward was back up front, partnering Joe Sweet-

ney, even though Juventus had tried to swap him for Makedonia's Claude Lucchesi. Obviously coach John Margaritis who had replaced Tommy Traynor during the week, has a higher opinion of Ward than do others at Juventus. Margaritis is right.

Juventus goalkeeper Sean Keogh stopped two promising shots from Tapai in the fifth and sixth minutes, before J.U.S.T. took the lead. The move was started by Suleiman Curovic, the ball was crossed by Tapai and there was Lazopoulos, with no defender in sight. His first shot was parried by Keogh, but Lazopoulos followed up on the loose ball and hammered it home.

Belic, who did a power of work up and down the ground, came close to scoring with a header from Tapai's cross in the 25th minute, and just after half time, Juventus midfielder Paul Wade missed with a much easier header.

Juventus was unlucky again soon after, as Boland missed the ball in the air and Ward's shot was deflected out for a corner. Boland atoned for the mistake in the 64th minute when he dived at Ward's feet in the area.

J.U.S.T. made it 2-0 in the last seconds — a goal that could prove all-important if the race for the semi-finals is to be decided on goal difference. Zdravko Lujic, playing at left back, sent the ball forward to Tapai who squared it perfectly for Belic to slot it past Keogh.

— LAURIE SCHWAB.



**Makedonia striker Sean Lane (right) and Green Gully defender Robert Krajacic converge on the ball. Pictures by LES SHOROCK.**

## Memorable night for Kevin Lloyd

**Green Gully 1 Makedonia 1**

This was, as they say in the cliches, a match of two halves, Makedonia dominating early and Green Gully pulling itself together to hold sway after half time.

It was a memorable night for Kevin Lloyd, who scored Green Gully's equaliser in his first match since transferring from Juventus. He is on a free loan to Gully until the end of the year, at which time the club has to pay \$3750 to keep him.

Warren Spink, was one of the stars of the match. During Makedonia's exciting first half, Spink, playing in only his second match since joining from the Australian Institute of Sport, Spink scored an excellent goal and provided the cross which Zoran Iliosi slammed into the net only to have an offside decision go against him. A word about that decision — apparently one of Iliosi's team mates was in an offside position, but even so, he could not have been interfering with play in that the goalkeeper had an unobstructed view of Iliosi and the shot, and had no chance of saving it.

Spink, who played for Australia in the Merlion Cup in Singapore late last year, was voted Victorian Junior Player of the Year while with Doveton, in 1982. He received his award from none other than Franz Beckenbauer, before a match between Victoria and the New York Cosmos.

If this performance is any indication, he will have a hell of a year in the National League. Coach Bill Murray sent Spink alongside Gary Cole and Sean Lane, yet Makedonia is negotiating to buy yet another striker, Steve Smith, the 1984 Bill Fleming Medalist from Box Hill. One of them would have to sit on the bench, or Makedonia would play with four out-and-out strikers, which is unlikely.

Green Gully came into the match without David Hogben who's injured and Willie Vassallo who was serving a suspension after being sent off in the previous match. To make matters worse, midfielder Gordon Wallace was carried off injured after only seven minutes.

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That, however, proved to be a blessing in disguise, as it meant that Robert Krajacic came on as a substitute, and Krajacic, playing as sweeper, emerged as one of Green Gully's best players.

Spink scored his goal after a lightning turn, by slipping a low shot past Lou Denys.

Denys later flew across his goal area to punch clear above Spink after Sean Lane had created havoc close to goal, and was called into action again to make a desperate fingertip save of a shot by Spink who had controlled the ball with one touch before shooting.

Philip Traianidis, playing in Makedonia's goal because Richard Wilson was unavailable, made his first save in the 24th minute, snatching the ball virtually off the head of Paul Lew after a free kick from Jim Murray.

Andy McKenna, who played junior league football in Scotland, came on at left back in place of Fabio Mancinelli at half time, and with players now picking up their opponents all over the field, Green Gully fought its way back into the game.

Denys saved Green Gully again by diving at the feet of Lane, and having his leg hurt in the process.

Much of Makedonia's best work could be traced back to the great play of Zoran Iliosi in midfield. He has played consistently well since the series started and looks set to have his best season since leaving J.U.S.T. It must be the influence of coach Bill Murray — again.

Murray has breathed new life into this team, and it wouldn't surprise me at all if Makedonia and Heidelberg-Alexander fight it out for the NSL south division championship.

Ken Smart became Green Gully's most dangerous forward in the second half. In the 51st minute, he cut inside for a low shot that went just wide, in the 57th he had an angled drive saved by Traianidis and shortly afterwards a great run by Smart down the right was stopped by a timely tackle from Ian Dobson.

Jim Williams, who had gone from strength to strength on the left flank despite having to contend with fearsome George McMillan, deserves most of the credit for the equalising goal. He ran a long way through the middle, passed to Paul Lewis who laid it off to Lloyd and Lloyd, the former Albion Rovers (Vic) player, did the rest.

— LAURIE SCHWAB.

## Przybyla dashes Hill's hopes

**Box Hill 2 Polonia 2**

Darren White, son of Victorian Coaching Director Tim White, heralded even better things to come when he scored Box Hill's first goal in this match, despite having only recently recovered from a knee operation.

White, who spent the 1983 season with the Institute of Sport in Canberra, struck in the 23rd minute when he followed up on a shot from David Azzopardi, that bounced off the bottom of the goal post. Full back Alan Roodhouse scored again in the 44th minute with a wicked, curving shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Azzopardi terrorised the Polonia defence with his aggression and endless running, and White and Roodhouse running riot, Box Hill had Polonia on the run for much of the game. Box Hill was simply faster and more enthusiastic than the more skilful but immobile Polonia.

One of Polonia's few fast players, Greg Warszawski, equalised White's opening goal after a dashing solo run in the 28th minute, but then Roodhouse struck and in the end, Polonia had no-one to rely on except Janusz Przybyla, the 1984 State League top scorer.

Przybyla was still slow and unfit after the holiday break, but he tried to shoot whenever he had the opportunity, and with five minutes to go, his sizzling shot from outside the area whistled past the outstretched fingers of goalkeeper John McKinley for the equaliser.

Joe Tront, usually a mid-fielder, was back for his first game of the season, and Polonia tried him as a striker alongside Przybyla without much success. Darko Kolaric, previously at left midfield, went to left back and Warszawski, bought from Wilhelmina as a striker, switched to left midfield.

Box Hill, meanwhile, benefited from the appearance of tigherish midfielder Robbie McLachlan, son of Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan.

Steve Smith, back from a holiday in England, was expected to have lined up for Box Hill, but coach Keith Webster kept him out. Smith is being sought by Makedonia.

Polonia meanwhile, waits for word about whether Stefan Mila, the 1983 Rothmans Medalist, will return to the club within the next few weeks.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## Azzopardi hits a beauty!

**SM-Hellas 4 Box Hill 1**

Hopelessly out-classed in the first half, Box Hill turned in a much more determined second half and stemmed the expected flow of Hellas goals.

The game only was two minutes old when Gary McDowell scored his first goal for Hellas in his second match since crossing from Footscray J.U.S.T. A Charlie Egan pass sent McDowell forward and the classy midfielder evaded a challenge then struck a low shot from just outside the area past Box Hill goalie Robert Harrison.

Two minutes later it was 2-0.

Doug Brown did well to create room for a cross from

the left and the incoming Halford hit a first time shot, sending the ball in off the far post. By now, it looked like the Hillmen would be buried under an avalanche of goals.

Box Hill struggled to go forward and for long spells the game was played in its defensive half.

In the 8th minute, a Brown through ball sent Egan clear. Harrison charged off his line but Egan neatly sidestepped him and struck what seemed certain to be the third goal until a sliding clearance from Alan Roodhouse knocked the ball away centimetres off the goal line.

The procession towards the Hillmen's goal continued and in the 26th minute, Hellas struck again.

Vlado Bozinski played a fine ball to Brown on the left of the Box Hill area. Brown's shot was parried by Harrison and the incoming Halford tapped into the unguarded goal.

Three minutes later, Egan made it 4-0 when he motored

around Zdravko Basic and Harrison and shot into the empty net.

The Box Hill defence was under almost constant pressure. Striker Peter Verechia found himself forced to come deeper and deeper in search of the ball and the Box Hill midfield was getting a roasting.

But things changed dramatically two minutes into the second half with a cracking goal by David Azzopardi. Darren White played the ball to Azzopardi on the left of the Hellas area and the young striker hammered a sizzling left foot drive past Peter Laumets and into the top far corner to make it 4-1.

Rafael Underwood had replaced Don Lawler in mid-field at half time and gave the Hillmen much more bite and drive in the second half.

The only good news for Hellas is this period was Kenny Murphy's form.

— CRAIG MacKENZIE

## Patterson gets 3, Marley off

**Heidelberg 3 Fawknor 0**

Scott Patterson's first hat-trick for Heidelberg secured a Buffalo Gold Cup semi-final berth for his club and presented Fawknor with a near impossible task of reaching the semis.

Fawknor must defeat Footscray J.U.S.T. in its remaining game and hope that Morwell Falcons lost to Sunshine-George Cross and Heidelberg. George Cross also has a game in hand on Fawknor, so it's hard to imagine Fawknor going further in this competition.

Heidelberg striker Stewart Stevenson was dropped for this game against Fawknor after failing to attend training last Wednesday but Patterson more than made up for Stevenson's absence and a fairly quiet display from fellow striker Stevie Winn by turning on an awesome display of finishing in the second half.

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go close a few minutes later. A free kick was knocked toward the far post from the left, a tuff field charged in with a defender at his side and got a touch to the ball which fell to Michael Giacomo but Oliver smothered in style at Giacomo's feet.

Now the Patterson show commenced.

John Metaxas, playing as a wide midfielder in place of Steve Tasios, lobbed the ball into the Fawknor area from the right wing. Seleimidis headed square to Patterson who unleashed a crisp, well directed first time volley sending the ball whistling past Nobile and inside the near post.

Patterson sent Christopoulos on his way in the 61st minute but Christopoulos' shot was well wide and high.

Patterson struck again in the 64th minute.

Christopoulos played a through ball down the right. Patterson won the race against a Fawknor defender and while they were charging towards the ball Nobile had committed himself, running off almost to the edge of his area. Patterson knocked the ball wide of Nobile then struck it along the deck just inside the near post and centimetres

away from Giacomo's attempt to slide down and clear. Giacomo was hurt in the process and had to be replaced by Robert Palmariotti.

A brilliant Patterson through ball in the 69th minute sent Winn clear but Nobile did well to narrow the angle and spread himself, blocking Winn's shot.

Patterson completed his hat-trick in the 70th minute. Metaxas, on the left, played a superbly weighted through ball to Patterson who steered as Nobile confronted him, then planted the ball low into the corner of goal to complete a remarkable second half display.

— CRAIG MacKENZIE

## Terry Hawke up for grabs

Terry Hawke is on the look-out for a new club.

The former Juventus, Ringwood, Wilhelmina, Mooroolbark and Frankston City goalkeeper currently is tied to Prahran Celtic but is on a free.

Hawke can be contacted at work on 590 1088 or at home on 29 1104.

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## Buffalo Gold Cup details

### SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully	2	2	0	7	2	6
Makedonia	2	2	0	5	3	6
Croatia	2	1	0	3	0	5
Hellas	1	1	2	5	4	3
Polonia	0	1	2	4	6	1
Box Hill	0	1	3	3	12	1

### SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
H'berg-Alexander	3	1	0	8	2	7
Morwell Falcons	2	1	0	5	2	5
Footscray JUST	1	1	2	4	6	3
Fawkner	1	1	2	4	7	3
S.Geo.Cross	0	2	1	4	5	2
Juventus	0	2	2	3	6	2

Remaining games at Olympic Park, early game at 7.15 pm:  
Tonight (Wednesday): George Cross v Morwell Falcons, Croatia v Polonia.  
Friday: Footscray JUST v Fawkner, Juventus v George Cross.  
Saturday: Croatia v Green Gully, Hellas v Polonia.  
Wednesday, Feb. 20: Makedonia v Box Hill, Heidelberg v Morwell Falcons.  
Saturday Feb 23: semi-finals.  
Wednesday, Feb 27: Final.  
TOP SCORERS: 6 Lewis (GG); 4. Patterson (H'berg); 3. Lane (Mak), Halford (Hellas).

### SECTION A

BOX HILL 2 (White 23rd. A. Roadhouse 44th) POLONIA 2 (Warszawski 28th., Przybyla 65th). Referee: Peter Spiers.  
BOX HILL: McKinley 6 — McPhee 5, Basic 6, Davidson 6, A. Roadhouse 7 — Underwood 3 (McLachlan 7, half time), Valentine 5 (Gibson 54th), Lawler 6 — Azzopardi 8, Verechia 6, White 8 Coach: Keith Webster.  
POLONIA: Dziakowski 5 — Liparski 6, Smolarek 7, avian 5, Kolaric 5 — Gibson 6, P. Czupnik 7, Gregorczuk 6 (G. Czupnik 47th), Warszawski 7 — Przybyla 6, Tront 5. Coach: Eddie Reid.  
GREEN GULLY 1 (Lloyd 63rd) MAKEDONIA 1 (Spink 6th). Referee: Chris Bambridge 7.  
GREEN GULLY: Denys 8 — Murray 8, Cannell 8, McLellan 6, Mancinelli 5 (McKenna 5, half time) — Smart 7, Wallace injured, sub Krasic 8, 7th, Smallman 8, Williams 8 — Lloyd 6, Lewis 6. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.  
MAKEDONIA: Trainidis 7 — McMillan 8, Dunn 7, Dobson 8, Opasini 7 — Heys 6, Flavell 5, Iliosi 8 — Lane 8, Cole 6, Spink 8 Coach: Bill Murray.

GREEN GULLY 1 (Lewis 6th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Halford 69th). Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 5.  
GREEN GULLY: Denys 7 — Murray 8, Cannell 8, McLellan 7, Hobgen (inj) Mancinelli 15th, 6) — Smart 7, Smallman 8, Vassallo 6 (sent off 64th), Williams 7 — Lewis 7, Wallace 6. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.  
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 7, Blair 8, Kalitatis 6, Vardakis 6 — McDowell 6, Halford 7, Bozinovski 5, Murphy 5 — Egan 7, brown 7. Coach: Len McKendry.  
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (Halford 4th, 26th, McDowell 2nd, Egan 29th) BOX HILL 1 (Azzopardi 37th). Referee: Lou Hammes 7.  
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 6 — Russell 8, Blair 7, Anezakis 7, Vardakis 7 — Bozinovski 7, Halford 8, McDowell 8, Murphy 8 — Brown 7, Egan 8. Coach: Len McKendry.  
BOX HILL: Harrison 4 — McPhee 4, Basic 5, Davidson 4, Roadhouse 6 — Valentine 4, Lawler 2 (Underwood 11. 7) McLachlan 4, White 5 — Verechia 5, Azzopardi 7. Coach: Keith Webster.

### SECTION B

HEIDELBERG 3 (Patterson 48th, 64th, 70th) FAWKNER 0. Referee: Marek Maumont 5.  
HEIDELBERG: Olver 7 — McKie 7, Yankos 8, Angele 7, Marley 7 (sent off 71st) — Metaxas 7, Selemidis 7, Christopoulos 7, Valentine 7 — Winn 6, Patterson 9. Coach: Brian Garvey.  
FAWKNER: Noble 5 — Giacomini 7 (inj), Palmicicciotti 65th, Macleod 6, Fattore 7, Petrelicci 6 — Saglam 5 (Cavallari 62nd), Boyle 7, Lia 7, Sabatino 6 — Tuffield 6, Palikas 7. Coach: Gus Macleod.  
FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Lazopoulos 9th., Belic 69th) JUVENTUS 0. Referee: Jim Fern 7.  
JUST: Boland 8 — Petrov 8, Jovic 8, Karic 8, Lucic 7 — Perez-Reigosa 4, Curovic 7, Belic 8, Stojilovic 5 — Lazopoulos 7, Tapal 8. Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.  
JUVENTUS: Keogh 6 — Lewis 7, Campbell 8, Drincovich 5, Gersamia 8 — Cullen 4, Wade 4, Miranda 4 — Sweeney 4, Ward 5, Zinni 5 (Incantalupo 5, half time). Coach: John Margaritis.

## GULLY BIDS FOR ANDREW YOUNG



Andrew Young

Green Gully was negotiating to sign defender Andrew Young from Canberra as we went to press.

Young is seen by Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan as an important signing now that David Hobgen's ruptured achilles will sideline him for the rest of the season.

Morwell Falcons or Sunshine-George Cross will drop out of the race for a semi-final spot in the Buffalo Gold Cup when they clash at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday). A

win for Sunshine-George Cross is a must while a draw would enhance Falcons' semi chances. And a draw looks likely, unless Sunshine-George Cross improves dramatically on its dismal display against Fawkner.

Croatia can jump to the top of section "A" by beating Polonia in the other game tonight. Polonia is having problems with its central defence and it's hard to see Tommy Cumming, Gojevic and Josip Biskic being held at bay.

Friday's double header features J.U.S.T. v Fawkner and the pace of wingers Ernie Tapal and Bill Lazopoulos, combined with Vlatko Belic's

ball winning ability in midfield and the silky skills of Milan Stojilovic and Suleiman Curovic should enable J.U.S.T. to maintain its bid for a semi-final berth.

The Croatia v Green Gully battle on Saturday night will be one of the highlights of the series. Green Gully really impressed me against Hellas and Makedonia last week. What tremendous commitment the Gully side showed in these games and the rivalry which has developed between Gully and Croatia over the past four seasons should ensure that Saturday's battle is a last-man-standing affair.

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Gary McDowell (left) of Hellas, down after being foiled by Box Hill goalkeeper Robert Harrison. Robbie McLachlan looks on.

## Murray battles Murphy, Halford saves Hellas

### Green Gully 1 SM-Hellas 1

Two classic goals; Gary McDowell's debut for Hellas; the sending off of Green Gully midfielder Willie Vassallo, and a ferocious battle between Jim Murray and Kenny Murphy highlighted this clash.

After a drab first half whose main feature was the Murray-Murphy confrontation, the game sprang to life in the 56th minute when leading Buffalo Gold Cup scorer Paul Lewis of Green Gully left Steve Blair, Chris Kalitatis and Peter Vardakis in his wake and capped a stunning burst toward the Hellas goal with a clinical finish, striking a low

shot from the right of the area past Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets and into the far corner.

Gully fans erupted and it looked like Hellas was starting its third successive 1-0 loss in this competition fairly and squarely in the face.

But Hellas fought back, pinning Gully inside its defensive half for long spells during the remaining minutes, but although reduced to 10 men when Vassallo was sent off, it seemed that Gully would hang on. Until Halford struck in the second last minute.

Vlado Bozinovski, who consistently took too long to part with the ball, allowing himself to be closed down and put under the hammer, struck a low, hopeful cross into the Gully area. The ball only was partially cleared and Halford, just inside the area, curled a stunning left foot shot into the far corner, centimetres away from the outstretched hand of

Gully goalkeeper Lou Denys. It was indeed a classic goal.

McDowell wasn't impressive in his first game in a Hellas strip but he's a fine player and his ability to play either at the back or in midfield adds both quality and depth to coach Len McKendry's squad. By the season's end, I've got no doubt that McDowell will have proven to be an invaluable acquisition.

Referee Dennis Voutsinas seemed to me too ready to use the yellow card as a disciplinary measure. In fact, Voutsinas made five bookings and sent off Vassallo. Murphy and Charlie Egan of Hellas were booked as were Murray, David Smallman and Vassallo. And within five minutes of being booked, Vassallo was sent off after gesturing to the Hellas fans in the outer.

Murray showed just what a tough nut he's going to be with his new club. When it comes to swinging your arms about and bodychecking opponents, Murray won't get outdone. Just ask Murphy. I admired Murray's aggression, after all he was playing against an established Soccerro, and it looks to me like Murray will soon forget about the hassles he had at Canberra last year and become an important part of the Gully defence.

I've rarely seen a more committed, workmanlike display from Smallman, which is great to see because he is a class player, capable of playing the ball short if need be but also able to strike a superb long pass, which is going to give opposing defences plenty to think about, especially if Gully mixes it up and plays the ball over the top now and again to exploit the pace of Lewis.

Whether or not Gully reaches the Gold Cup semi isn't really that important. The league's the bread and butter affair and Gully has shown enough in this competition to suggest that it's going to improve on its 9th placed finish in last year's National Conference.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

## Picioane, Patsaman, Latif to Albion

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Joe Picioane to Albion Rovers ... Irish midfielder George Beattie joining Western Suburbs this week ... Steve Lawson set to join Frankston Pines ... Springvale City trying to sign Keith Adams ... Peter Thurlow in goal for Pines ...

These were the major stories to emerge after the first round of the 1993 Buffalo League Cup last weekend.

Picioane, Turgay Latif and Ayhan Patsaman all joined Albion last week from Victorian League club Royal Richmond. Picioane, the former Footscray J.U.S.T. and Marconi midfielder, scored in his debut with Albion, which earned a 1-1 draw with Springvale City.

Player-coach Ian Greener scored Springvale's goal and his club was trying to sign Adams from Melbourne Croatia as we went to press. Sunshine-George Cross also is chasing Adams but Springvale was confident of successfully negotiating with Croatia which has signed two Springvale players this year. Aki Kotzamalakis and Mirko Runje.

Although Beattie is due to fly in from Ireland this week, Western Suburbs seemed certain to lose Ged Stenson to Brisbane City as we went to press. Suburbs lost 1-0 to Pines last weekend and due to the unavailability of goalkeepers David Stutchbury, Chris Kovac (set to join North Dandenong) and Lou Ivanoff, Pines coach Danny McMinimie decided to use Thurlow in goals. And

he wasn't let down. Far from it.

By the game's end Suburbs fans were coming up to McMinimie and saying: "If it wasn't for that goalkeeper of yours ..."

Thurlow was set to join Sunshine-George Cross as a defender, but at the last minute Thurlow and 'Cross failed to come to terms.

Pines are trying to sign Sammy Wright from Northcote but Wright reportedly has trained with First Division club Mornington.

Rob Nelson, who joined Pines from North Dandenong, recently injured his medial ligament in his right leg and could be out for two months.

Northcote, which drew 2-2 with Ringwood Wilhelmina after being 2-0 down, seems certain to lose Mark Wilson, who has been trialling with Brisbane Lions, and midfielder Colin Quigley has been transfer listed at his own request.

But Gary Cutler is back from injury and defender John Creany returned from Scotland yesterday (Tuesday). Northcote signed Alex Filippis from Suburbs last week and he made his debut against Wilhelmina.

Mark Bakker, who joined Wilhelmina from Nunawading City, starred against Northcote. Wilhelmina also has signed midfielder Nick van Eyndom from Nunawading City.

A goal by Fred Beller, making his debut for Thomastown after joining from Altona Gate recently, was enough to down Knox City last weekend.

Here are this weekend's Buffalo League Cup games:

SATURDAY: Springvale City v Croydon.

SUNDAY: Albion Rovers v Northcote, Knox v Western Suburbs, Thomastown v St. Albans Dinamo.

### Buffalo League Cup details:

#### SECTION "A"

ALBION ROVERS 1 (Picioane 25th) SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Greener 32nd).  
ALBION ROVERS: Cipri 8 — Galea 6, Gilmour 6, Gatt 7, Douglas 6 — Reilly 5, Picioane 7, Alfonso 5 — Patsaman 6, T. Latif 7, Spiteri 6. Coach: Ray Langdale.  
SPRINGVALE CITY: Clayton 6 — Lague 7, Luyten 7, Malt 6, D. Luca 6 — G. Bannon 7, Bentley 7, Greener 7 — Bell 7, Garvey 6 (van Dinteren 63rd). Nelson 6. Coach: Ian Greener.

NORTHCOLE 2 (Micevski 58th, Dionisopoulos 65th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Haupt 15th, Murray 28th).

NORTHCOLE: Giannopoulos 6 — Petriotis 7, Cutler 8, Bozakis 7, Filippis 6 — Bekiaris (inj), Mousidis 34th, 51, Toro 6, J. Constantinou 6 — P. Constantinou 7, Dionisopoulos 6, Zebakis (Micevski 20th, 7). Coach: Jimi Pyrgiolos.  
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 6 — Murray 6, Remmers 5, Corke 6, Verniers 6 — Whyte 5, Haupt 7, M. Beller 8, Lang 6 (inj), Pileman H.T. 6) — Hoogland 7 (Vernys 60th), Stewart 7. Coach: Cor Teeuw.

#### SECTION "B"

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Cullen 30th).

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hatzilazarou 7 — Hemili 8, Mussell 7, Espoito 7, Lekkas 7 — Dimovski 8, Kakantonis 7, K. Coyte 7 — Condilis 7 (Kouras 55th), Melatis 7, Diliberto 7. Coach: Jimmy Condilis.  
FRANKSTON PINES: Thurlow 9 — Platt 6 (Wilkinson H.T. 6), Cullen 8, Roiss 8, Ferris 7 — Cooke 6, Thomas 7, Millar 6 — Dick 7, Cummings 7, Rust 7. Coach: Danny McMinimie.

KNOX CITY 0 THOMASTOWN 1 (Beller 25th).

KNOX CITY: Brian 7 — Aristodemou 7, Tunell 7, Byrne 8, Roddis 6 — Didao 5 (Keenan 40th), Murray 6 (McTurk 60th), Owen 7 — Stoffels 5 (Fisher 50th), Kojic 7, Hawthorne 6. Coach: Duncan Smith.  
THOMASTOWN: Reponi 7 — Carfora 6, Smale 7, Acsesi 7, Cosentino 7 — Watters 6 (Lakic 40th), DiMartino 6, Franceschi 5, Salvatore 6 (Temos 55th). Coach: Joe Wilson.

## DOVETON SIGNS SEVEN

Victorian First Division club Doveton has signed seven new players as it attempts to win back the State League status it lost last season.

Striker Peter Killey joined from Croydon in a cash and swap deal involving midfielder Matt McDonnell; striker Paul Priestley has been signed from Box Hill; defender David Lawwright and striker David Nelson have joined from North Dandenong; goalkeepers Hugh Graham and Les Long joined from Doncaster and Boroia respectively, and Brian Whetnall has been signed from Springvale City.

However, Doveton has lost Jim Nelson to Springvale, Gerry Edmondson to Melbourne, Graham Watson has returned to Scotland and is trialling with St Mirren, Mark Lennon is training with Sunshine-George Cross and defender Tom Fitzpatrick is expected to leave.

England, Italy going strong

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England and Italy again recorded big wins last weekend in the Medibank Private Junior World Cup at Egan Leo Reserve.

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# Traynor 'fantastic person', says Fab

From page four

"But I don't want anyone to get me wrong. Tommy Traynor is a fantastic person and I really enjoyed training under him. It's just that in my opinion, he seemed a bit uncertain about things at times and he'd ask players what their opinions were at half time."

"He was trying his best, but obviously he was under a lot of pressure. I'll give him this much. Once he made a decision, he stuck by it. I told him that for our game against Heidelberg, I wasn't 100 percent fit and he put me on the bench. When Gary (Ward) missed a penalty in the second half you could see that some of the lads felt down. Maybe a change was needed I don't know. But Tommy stuck to his guns and left me on the bench and I admire him for sticking by his decision."

Incantalupo hasn't recovered his match fitness and he still needs a bit more confidence but the signs are there. By the end of the 1985 season, Juventus fans will be hoping to see the "old Fab" re-emerge.

Everything was going so well for him. He made his first team debut for Juventus when he was 16; he played for Victoria at under 15, under 16 and youth levels and only Sydney Croatia's new signing, Jim Patikas, made more national youth appearances than he. Incantalupo made 28 national youth appearances, 21 in full internationals, and scored Australia's first goal in its stunning 2-1 win over Scotland in the 1983 World Youth Cup finals in Mexico. But fate struck the young star a cruel blow in the 1984 Buffalo Gold Cup.

"We were playing against Preston Makedonia. It was our third game in the competition and I remember getting the ball, playing it to Joe Sweeney and getting the return. I stood on the ball for a second, got closed down and then pushed over. I lost my balance and as I went down I felt all my weight going over onto my left leg. For about a minute, I was in absolute agony."

Incantalupo was carried off, never again to play in 1984. He was operated on to repair a badly damaged cruciate ligament and was in plaster for six weeks. Then an intensive period of gym work, swimming, cycling and weightlifting was needed to get him back into action in 1985. His

injury also left psychological scars. "I became very depressed. In fact it got to the stage where there were periods when I wouldn't even talk to my parents or go and watch Juventus games. It broke me up watching Juventus when I did and not being able to play. I kept going back to my specialist and asking him when I would be able to play again."

Incantalupo's first steps back onto the soccer pitch were tentative. He lined up for Juventus against Melbourne

Croatia in a practice match early in January. "I was a bit cautious at first, to tell you the truth, but I just thought what the heck, if the knee goes again, it goes, and once I got into the game, I got a bit more confident."

Incantalupo's injury severely dented his hopes of making the jump up to senior Soccer status, but although the road back looms long, time is on his side.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



## Cedo next to Barassi

Cedo Cirkovic (pictured) has landed in Australian Rules territory. The pub next door to his new sports store, Sports Extra, in Richmond, is owned by Ron Barassi and Adrian Gallagher.

Cirkovic isn't worried though. Although he's big on sports gear, he also caters to the needs of Aussie Rules players. It's Cirkovic's first venture into business. Previously an employee of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Cirkovic is one of Melbourne's best-known soccer personalities. He was a tough, rugged but also very talented defender in Yugoslavia and with Footscray JUST, before he switched to coaching — first with Heidelberg-Alexander, and then, from 1972 until 1979, with Footscray JUST. Although he left the club, he returned for the 1981 season and again last year, making him one of the most loyal coaches in the NSL. In between, he coached Fawkner and was director of junior coaching at Hoppers.

## Albury boys can choose

The VSF and the NSW Amateur Soccer Association have reached agreement over the eligibility of junior players to contest both Victorian and NSW country regional championships. Juniors who play in the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association and who try out for say, a Victorian country regional side and fail can also try out for a NSW country regional side and vice-versa. However, juniors living in Victoria can play for only that State. Similarly, juniors living in NSW only can represent NSW.

# SUPER STADIUM FOR SYDNEY

The Australian and NSW Governments will combine with the ASF and its State counterpart to build a super stadium for soccer in Sydney.

This move was predicted by ASF President Sir Arthur George at a function which launched the 1985 NSL Cup in Sydney last week.

Sir Arthur was responding to earlier comments at the same function by NSW Premier Neville Wran, who stated that the grant of \$1 mil. to the NSW soccer federation announced late last year was not the upper limit of his government's commitment.

"Our government wants to see a decent ground for each of the football codes in Sydney," Mr Wran said, pointing out that Cumberland Oval is being developed for Rugby League, while Conall Oval is to be Rugby Union headquarters.

"I would also like to see a fair dinkum soccer ground, because while the Sydney

Crick Ground is a great sporting venue it is far from ideal for soccer, where the action is just too far from the crowds.

"What is badly missing at soccer fixtures on the SCG is the 'smell' of the atmosphere, that is why I wish to see a ground with the stands running right alongside the sidelines."

What provoked Sir Arthur's comments was the Premier's statement indicating that he is waiting to see a proper plan from NSW soccer authorities.

Apparently a joint ASF-NSW Federation proposal is in the offing, seeking assistance from both governments in a major project.

"Federal Sports Minister John Brown has firmly promised to co-operate," Sir Arthur said.

## Kamasz concerned over TV cutbacks

NSL manager Stefan Kamasz last week expressed concern about soccer's television exposure this year.

While welcoming SBS Television's continued involvement with the roundball code, he decried the major cutbacks which are expected to occur in the multicultural network's sports programming.

Sources close to the network foreshadow that the three hours of soccer coverage last year will shrink back to only two.

The high quality "Match of the Day" program on Sunday nights is to be the casualty, according to these sources.

Coverage in 1985 is to be restricted to one hour of highlights from the NSL at a 6 pm timeslot and one hour of world soccer at a similar timeslot late in the week.

To ensure optimum exposure for major games, the local hour will not include a "Captain Socceroo" segment in future, aimed at juniors, which is likely to be shifted into SBS's children's programming.

General sports coverage, which amounted to four hours per week last year, is anticipated to be cut back to just 60 minutes.

There is fear among sports lovers in general and soccer supporters in particular that this drastic trimming of the SBS 0/28 network's high quality coverage from Australia and overseas may lead to a demoralisation among the department's personnel and an eventual exodus of staff.

## Croydon seeks youth players

• Croydon City has replaced Knox City in the Victorian Youth League, which includes the eight Victorian NSL clubs.

Croydon is looking for youth players, who are invited to attend training at Croydon Park any Tuesday or Thursday evening.

## Reardon available

Defender Paul Reardon, 25, is seeking a new club.

Reardon came to Australia from England in 1966 and played as a junior with Altona City and Albion Rovers. He then joined Werribee and has been in the first team there for the past 10 seasons.

Reardon can be contacted at home on 749 1219.



Stefan Kamasz

## Eagles set to soar

White Eagles, newly-promoted to the Cadbury State League of southern Tasmania, will be the team to watch this season.

Eagles romped to the Rothmans League title and has strengthened its squad considerably for the coming campaign.

Steve Darby, the former State director of coaching, has been appointed as supremo and he has signed at least seven new players.

Goalkeeper Mark Johnston has joined the club from Olympia-WPL while the club from University, Bobby Rybak and the three Leszczynski brothers, Andrew, Mark and Richard, have returned now that the Polish club is back in the top flight.

Dave Forshaw has signed from University and Jimmy Kerr from Phoenix.

Eagles won its opening pre-season friendly 8-0 against PCL United with Rybak hitting a hat-trick, Mark and Richard Leszczynski scoring two each, and David Stoddart notching the remaining goal.

University has appointed 33-years-old John Raymond as coach for the 1985 season. Raymond coached its reserves to the southern and State premierships last season but will find the task this year very difficult indeed.

The reason is that University, like Rapid, has been well and truly plundered of its senior playing staff.

Caledonians should have a good season as it looks like retaining most of the side that steamed home in great style last year and just missed out on a final four placing.

Tommy Wright started pre-season training on schedule — it was coaching uncertainties and a late start which probably cost Calles dearly last year — and new signings include Irishman Peter Wallace and State representative Michael Driessen from University.

It looks as if Terry Banagan will be leaving and this is a definite blow. Banagan has been training with a number of clubs but is still uncertain as to which club he will sign for. Metro-Clarendon haven't made any new signings and it should be some plucky outfit that always gives the top sides a few headaches.

David Smith has retained the coaching position and several youngsters are likely to come to the fore this season.

Metro has always been known as a producer of quality young players and it again has a crop of them, including Paul Hardman, Sean Green, Steve Holzinger and Michael Berwick. Paul Fone and John McIntyre are two proven strikers and they should be regulars on the scoring lists. Both players were away overseas for several months last year and Metro will benefit from their continuous presence in 1985.

Juventus-Pioneer will be difficult to stop as it sets out to defend its Tasmanian Cadbury State League title, together with the other three titles that the club also won last year.

Peter Scott

## ASIA CUP NSL AIM

• Sam Pappasavas

The NSL Cup, the draw for which was made in Sydney last week, is envisaged as the "launching pad" for an Asian Cup.

This plan was revealed by NSL chairman Sam Pappasavas, just prior to the NSW Premier making the first-round draw for the Cup.

"We see the NSL Cup, following the inclusion of State League clubs in the 32 team draw, as running on FA Cup lines," he said.

"In the near future we plan to invite Asian clubs to participate with the winner of our tournament in an Asian Cup, the continent where Australia's future lies."

Pappasavas indicated that New Zealand already had expressed interest in participating, but made no mention of how the planned new tournament would fit in with the existing Asian Cup, which has the champion clubs of all Asian Confederation nations eligible to participate.

The NSW chairman spoke optimistically of the coming season, voicing the view that the league was "in its best-ever shape financially."

"Total liability of all the soccer clubs involved in the NSL this year is not exceeding \$1 million, which is chicken feed compared with the debts of some VFL clubs and probably of some Rugby League teams as well," he said.

Pappasavas welcomed new major sponsor Olympic Airways. "With our support Olympic's activities in Australia are bound to be a success after a five-year break in operations."

## TASMANIAN SCENE with WALTER PLESS

Ken Morton's squad won its first outing of the season recently when Juventus beat George Town, the northern champion, 3-1.

John Broadhouse, who trialled with St George a few weeks ago, made the opening goal for Sergio Pace, scored the second himself, and then had a penalty saved in the dying minutes of the match.

Pace scored Juventus's third on the final whistle while Corbett slammed home a close-range effort for George Town.

Juventus was without Charlton, De Felice, Darko and Genovesi from last year's championship side, but it did parade young David Clarkson, a new signing from Rapid, and Steve Kannegiesser, the State midfielder Morton hopes to sign from Rapid.

Charlton's stay at the club appears to be over and he may return to the NSL. Darko has apparently retired at the young age of 21, Genovesi has moved to Queensland, and De Felice, the newly-appointed club captain, was unavailable.

Rapid, the runner-up in the League last season and the winner of the State-wide John Kalls Memorial Trophy, will be a mere shadow of itself and new coach, Otto Klaus, will have a gargantuan task to take the side to a respectable League position.

Rapid looks like losing up to eight of its first-team from last season. Coach David Crosson has become Croatia-Glenorchy's coach and it seems as if Kirkpatrick, Thomas, Huigslot and Thompson will be joining him there.

Tommy Wilson has also attended Croatia's training but may not make the move, while David Clarkson has joined Juventus and Steve Kannegiesser looks likely to do the same.

All this points to a complete revival for Croatia, which finished second-last in 1984 and only just survived, and a decimation of Rapid which will find the going very tough and may have to rely on untold youth to pull it through.

Olympia-WPL will have much the same side as last season and coach Peter Brine, who took over from Otto Klaus late in the season, will have the chance to mould his own product.

He's certainly got the background required. He played over one hundred English first division matches for Middlesbrough and he took Juventus-Pioneer to the Cadbury State League title in 1983.

I have the feeling, however, that the material is not good enough. Olympia has far too many players that have been at the club for a number of years now without ever having produced the goods when it mattered.

One can excuse the likes of Perry Forster and Peter Sherman, both of whom failed miserably last year after having outstanding seasons the year before.

Others have never produced when they should have and the best thing that the Greek club could do would be to jettison some players and inject new blood into the club, from the younger Greek players who largely make up the reserve team, if necessary.

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# OUT GOES HAKOAH, ILINDEN IN SEMIS



## NSW AMPOL CUP

BY ALEX VESIC

APIA Leichhardt, the only Sydney-based NSL side that refused to go into the transfer market or spend big money to retain its star players, produced a killer punch which knocked Sydney City Hakoah out of the 1985 NSW Ampol Cup.

Last Friday's quarter final double header at Marconi Stadium, featuring Blacktown v Avala and Penrith v Melita, was washed out and was played yesterday (Tuesday) so as we went to press we were unable to know the composition of the semi-finals, due to be played on Friday evening at Marconi Stadium.

Ali Reda, the 19-year-old son of last year's Commonwealth Bank Cup competition, and the youngster who delivered the punch to K.O. Sydney Olympic in this year's Ampol Cup, repeated the dose against Hakoah.

He rose high in the 18th minute to head wide of Tony Pezzano from a Rob De Ceglie cross to give APIA the lead and confidence to win this tight encounter. In the curtain raiser, Rockdale Ilinden struggled to a penalty win over Manly Warringah and was far from impressive. In fact, Manly had the better of the exchanges but missed great opportunities to snatch a semi-final berth. Mark Holloway was the main culprit, as he missed what appeared the best chance of this encounter minutes before the end of the second half of extra time.

## Lively debut by Santrac, Northcote hurt

South Australian Ampol Cup with ALLAN CRISP

**ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 4 (Villani 29th and 36th, Mela 12th, pen, Mullen 51st, WT BIRKALLA 0. Second game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.**

ADELAIDE CITY: Cicchinnelli 7 — Donnelly 6, Flounders 9, Nyskohus 8, Maxwell 7 — Santrac 7, Melita 7 (Villani 51st), Villani 9 — Mullen 8, Rankin 7 (C. Miller 67th), Coach: Edmund Kraft.

WT BIRKALLA: Johnson 7 — Pietrus 6 (G. Pankhurst 41st) 7, Duncan 8, Leith 7, Mohring 7 — Devlin 6, Wickenstein 8, Owers 7 — Mahony 6, Briscoe 6, Hayes 7, Coach: Bobby Ferguson.

Adelaide City Juventus converted Hindmarsh Stadium into a shooting gallery as it blacked out Birkalla to grab a mortgage on a semi-final berth.

Juventus netted four goals, but it could easily have doubled that tally as it totally dominated proceedings from go to woe, with the woe applying to Birkalla.

It was vintage stuff as Juve combined perfectly, with Charlie Villani leading the goal-charge with two to bring his personal tally to five from two games.

Pig Neville Flounders and SA's Peter Pan of soccer, Bugsy Nyskohus, set the standard at the back and their troops responded to a man.

New acquisition, Adrian Santrac from Beograd, enjoyed a fine debut in the midfield and drew roars of encouragement for his black-buster shooting.

The only dark spot on Juve's shining victory came when midfielder ironman Brian Northcote ripped his right hamstring muscle to put his gallant comeback attempt in jeopardy.

**CAMPBELLTOWN CITY 4 (Amos 10th, pen and 43rd, Halliday 52nd, Webb 65th), PARA HILLS 1 (Archer 60th. First game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.**

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY: Pivetta 7 — Parsons 7, Ouwervkerk 7, Dealey 7, Richardson 8 — Webb 7, Amos 8, Halliday 8 — Beltrame 6, Szach 6 (Turnbull 76th), Sullivan 8, Coach: Eric Norman.

PARA HILLS: Simpson 7, Harvey 8, Cole 6, Humphreys 7, Brooks 7, Tomlinson 7, Green 6 (Gough 61st), Bojczuk 6, Crook 6, Archer 6, D. Miller 7, Coach: David Jenkins.

Campbelltown City leapt to the head of the Group A table with this great success.

Ironically, it was former Para Hills captain Steve Amos who weaved the midfield magic which enabled the Red Devils to sink Para.

Amos accepted a charitable 10th minute penalty to put City on the victory path and chimed in with a clever effort three minutes after the restart to reinforce the advantage.

Para, which the previous week had beaten NSL outfit West Adelaide Hills, showed its Jackie and Hyde characteristics when it went three down after 52 minutes through Mark Halliday.

Veteran Andy Archer pulled one back for Para, but Nick Webb had the final say for triumphant Campbelltown.

Para coach David Jenkins was critical of his back four's lack of mobility.

"They sat back in their own half and that gave the Campbelltown midfielders too much room to move," Jenkins said.

GROUP A					GROUP B					
	W	L	D	P		W	L	D	P	
Camp City	1	0	5	2	3	AC Juventus	2	0	0	1
Para Hills	1	0	1	2	4	Birkalla	1	0	1	3
Camp City	0	1	1	0	1	Beograd	0	0	2	2
WA-Hills	0	0	1	0	1	Saturday	0	0	1	5

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Brown 38th) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (J. Wilson o.g. 63rd) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1,800. Referee: Ken Small 8. Ilinden won 4-2 on penalties.**

ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 9 — J. Wilson 6, D. Wilson 7, Forester 6, Degney 5 — Yuseph 6 (Karanfilovski 62nd 7) Nasteviski 6, Salveski 6, Blackburn 7 — Risteviski 6, Brown 6.

MANLY: Barker 6 — Williamson 6, J. Dick 7, Foy 7, S. Dick 6 — Pierce 6 (Doyle 75th), Steven 8, Campbell 6, Davison 5, (Leak 55th), Holloway 5, Stuart 6.

**APIA 2 (Reda 18th, Caban 33rd) HAKOAH 1 (Murray pen. 27th) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1,800. Referee: Peter Rampley 9.**

APIA: Catlin 8 — Spina 7, Pullen 6, Butler 8, Brown 7 — De Ceglie 6, Bertogno 7, Reda 8 — Genovese 6, Caban 7, (Gardikiotis 78th), Morsello 7.

HAKOAH: Pezzano 6 — Rodriguez 7, Gomez 7, K. Falconer 6, De Marigny 7 — Murray 6, P. Falconer 6, Bottalico 6 — Lee 6, Fletcher 5 (73rd Foxman), Paterson 5.

### APIA 2 Hakoah 1

With the absence of St George and Sydney Olympic (knocked out of the Ampol Cup by Hakoah and APIA respectively) it was widely accepted that the winner of this match would be the most serious contender for the Cup in '85.

Hakoah appeared yet again without its star players. John Kosmina, Joe Watson, Alex Robertson, and Frank Farina were sadly missed by Hakoah. APIA also was without some of last year's stars. John

Bradley was due to be in Blacktown's line-up against Avala, Ian Gray is unhappy about terms and Peter Tredinick also has gone looking for greener pastures.

Despite this huge line-up of players on the missing list this turned out to be one of the most entertaining matches in the Cup so far.

Neither side gave an inch but APIA was just that much sharper in front of goal when Reda came into this year's Ampol Cup totally unknown. But you can bet your bottom dollar that all those who saw him play against Hakoah will remember him for a long time.

Most of all Pezzano, Australia's World Cup understudy to Terry Greedy. "I never moved, it happened so quick," was Pezzano's reaction to Reda's header which put APIA ahead.

Pezzano, short of goalkeeping practice this year, might be excused for conceding this goal, but the second, by Tony Caban in the 33rd minute found Pezzano just a shade flat-footed on the goal-line as Caban hit his shot aiming for the far corner of the net.

In between these two goals came Hakoah's consolation from the penalty spot by Willie Murray. And while Murray celebrated after sending Bobby Catlin the wrong way to equalise in the 27th minute the real hero for Hakoah was Alex Bottalico, the son of APIA's coach Felipe Bottalico. He waltzed his way past three defenders before being pulled down by Terry Butler inside the box.

Tony Morsello and Ean Rodriguez fought hard all day and both youngsters showed some fine touches. Butler, as sweeper for APIA and Arno Bertogno in midfield were successful innovations.

In the end, APIA had the better of play and deservedly goes into the semis, either to face Melita or Penrith.

### Ilinden 1 Manly 1

Rockdale Ilinden, the side which played so well against Marconi, looked flat and unimaginative but still managed to get through to the semi-finals of the Ampol Cup thanks to some good penalty attempts.

Ilinden scored four goals from as many attempts, while goalkeeper Nick Kotzohambos, Ilinden's star against Marconi the previous week, saved twice to send his side into the semis.

It was a fitting and dramatic finale to this match which saw sawed throughout, with Manly, for the best part, the better team.

For Richard Alagich, it was not a happy ending to this quarter-final.

"We couldn't score when we should have, then one of our players refused to take a penalty despite being one of our chosen five penalty takers," fumed the unhappy Alagich after the match.

Robbie Stuart and Mark Holloway were the finishing culprits for Manly. Stuart burst through the middle in the 25th minute and with two players in support and only one Rockdale player to contend with, he hesitated, then lost the ball.

The same player was Manly's fourth penalty taker. He took his shot twice but on both occasions Kotzohambos saved what looked more like a back pass than a shot.

Holloway had an early



chance but sent his shot over the bar, then another close to the end of the game. With only the keeper to beat after rounding Darren Wilson, the Manly striker hit hard but wide and lost the last chance to give his team a semi-final berth.

As if that wasn't enough, Manly's new keeper came into play in the 38th minute. He badly misjudged a cross from the left hand side by Jeff Wilson and Ross Brown headed in at the far post to give Ilinden the lead. Jeff Wilson was again on the spot, this time for Manly in the 63rd minute, when he neatly headed past his own goalkeeper for the equaliser.

● APIA's Arno Bertogno challenges Hakoah goalkeeper Tony Pezzano, as striker Kerry Caban (left) looks on.

Ilinden, despite its poor play, was always in the match and could have at any time taken this game away from Manly. However, Slavski, Nasteviski, Risteviski and Yuseph failed to come to grips with the tough, no-nonsense style of Manly, adding to the problems of Ilija Takacs, the Ilinden coach.

Takacs, suffering from a bad dose of flu, was not at all pleased with the showing of his boys but added: "If we win when we don't play well, what will happen when we do?"

Rockdale now meets either Blacktown or Avala in the semis and has a real chance of getting into the final.

## APIA'S SALI A REAL KNOCKOUT

Ali Reda, the Ian Gray look-alike at APIA Leichhardt, is the new pin-up boy at Lambert Park. His display in the Challenge Cup and NSW Ampol Cup to date has been outstanding, and his marksmanship apparent.

Most coaches go far and wide to find a goalscoring midfielder, but APIA only had to outlay \$150 to acquire the youngster who already has made his mark on the local scene.

Born in Yaroum on the Lebanese-Israeli border, Ali spent most of his early life in the thick of some tough situations. At the age of 10 he moved to Australia.

He played for Kogarah and quickly made his mark. When he was 13 he joined Arncliffe Scotts juniors and at the same time was picked for his school team.

His road to success was just as tough as his childhood. Arncliffe Scotts folded and he was up for sale at only \$150. Who would pay that much for an unknown youngster?

His price remained the same despite his immense showing in the Commonwealth Bank Cup last year. He was the captain of the highly successful Kogarah High team which won the NSW championship and led his school to success over the best Victoria could offer, Richmond High.

Johnny Warren's recommendation enabled the youngster to trial with St George at the start of this season but Reda was not impressed with the situation at Saltns. For coach Frank Arok it was a hard decision to let Reda go but Arok had many midfield stars and was looking only for a striker.

So Reda moved to APIA and with only five games under his belt has shown courage, skill and goalscoring prowess far above the ability of most 19-year-olds in the country.

A student of architecture, Reda is certainly in the right spot on the park to show his creativity.

## Gutendorf wins Japanese title

Former Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf earned himself a place in Japanese soccer history when guiding Yomiuri to a double of both major domestic competitions — the Japan Soccer League championship and Emperor's Cup.

He was aided in the latter by ex-Sydney Olympic player Steve Paterson, whose 80th minute goal — his first for the club — clinched a 2-0 victory over Furukawa in the final.

Paterson's appearances in the first half of the season were restricted by a three foreign players per team limit and Gutendorf's preference for a trio of talented Brazilians

on Yomiuri's books.

But, one of the Brazilians; Ramos, was suspended (ironically for kicking a Furukawa player) and Paterson took his place during the league run-in and Cup final.

Gutendorf is the first foreigner to coach a league championship — winning side.

— PAUL MOON

## Twelve teams in new series

NSW Soccer Federation is to stage its own pre-season competition from next week. All the matches of the first round will be played on Sunday February 17 beginning at 3 pm.

This is only the first round, out of total of five which will decide the winner and second placed in two groups of six teams.

The winners in each group will play for first place. It is a warm-up, pre-season competition with two groups of six:

GROUP "A": Melita Eagles, Manly Warringah, Uruguayan Auburn, Canterbury Marrickville, Avala, Bankstown National.

GROUP "B": Warringah Narabeen, Fairy Meadow, Rockdale Ilinden, Ku-Ring-Gai, Sutherland, Polonia.

Round One is to be played on Sunday. Croner Park: 3 pm Avala — Manly, 4.30 pm Polonia — Narabeen. Parkies: 3 pm Uruguayan — Melita, 4.30 pm Canterbury — Bankstown National. Venue to be decided: 3 pm Sutherland — Ku-Ring-Gai, Fairy Meadow — Rockdale Ilinden.

### Brown snubbed

Aulden Brown, the secretary of the NSW Soccer Federation, and the most readily identifiable character among NSW soccer officials is to have no official duty during the World Youth play-offs in Sydney.

Brown was officially asked if would "Like not to be involved" in the World Youth Cup play-off organisation. His answer to the ASF caller was just as simple — "If you put it that way, not really, no."

Brown has written a letter to the ASF clarifying his position of being willing to undertake any duties during the tournament.

No answer to date (Sunday, Feb. 10).

— ALEX VESIC

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# Aussies second in Asia

Just one point stopped the Australian national deaf team from winning the inaugural Asian Deaf Football Tournament held in Hong Kong late last year.

Australia and Korea were the only undefeated teams in the six-nation competition. Aided by assistant coach Barry Knapman and Victorian Director of Coaching, Tim White, national coach Matthew Veale prepared his squad at a training camp in Romey in Victoria early last December.

Australia's first match in the tournament was against the host team, which refused to train in the main stadium, preferring to hold training sessions in secret. The match ended in a 2-2 draw. Australia had a goal feast



• The Australian deaf squad. Back row: N. Moir, M. Walker, J. Smeaton (trainer), T. Kinnane, M. Veale (coach), P. LePage, B. Knapman (assistant coach), I. Campbell, G. Home (team manager). Middle row: B. Sam, A. Moir, J. Kearney, D. Jordan, P. Burrows (captain), M. O'Brien, T. Markovitch, G. Einsiedel. Sitting down: L. Hayes, G. Moir, T. Ross.

against Malaysia, winning 7-0, then came a bruising battle against Kuwait, highlighted by the negative tactics adopted by the opposition. One of the Kuwaitis was sent off and another kicked Australian trainer John Smeaton who was attending one of his players at the time! Kuwait had thrashed Malaysia and Japan in its first two games but went down 2-0 to Australia.

Veale instructed his players to take it easy against a weak Japan outfit, knowing that the final game, against Korea,

would be for the championship. Even so, Australia beat Japan 6-0.

Australia had enough chances to beat Korea in the tournament decider but failed to capitalise on them, settling for a 0-0 draw which gave Korea the title.

Here are all the results:  
ROUND ONE: Hong Kong 2 Australia 2, Korea 6 Japan 0, Kuwait 11 Malaysia 1.

ROUND TWO: Australia 7 Malaysia 0, Japan 1 Kuwait 13, Hong Kong 1 Korea 2.

ROUND THREE: Australia 2 Kuwait 0, Korea 11 Malaysia 0, Hong Kong 2 Japan 0.

ROUND FOUR: Australia 6 Japan 0, Korea 2 Kuwait 2, Hong Kong 6 Malaysia 0.

ROUND FIVE: Hong Kong 1 Kuwait 3, Japan 2 Malaysia 0, Australia 0 Korea 0.

Final standings:  
Korea 4 1 0 22 3 9  
Australia 2 2 0 12 2 8  
Kuwait 3 0 2 29 8 6  
Hong Kong 2 1 2 12 7 5  
Japan 1 0 4 3 27 2  
Malaysia 0 0 5 1 37 0

# Italians dominate the National Cup

With teams from all States except Western Australia, as well as the Australian Capital Territory, the previous practice of regionalising the National Cup draw was followed again, resulting in a lot of home town derbies in the first round which will be played on the first weekend of March.

Perhaps the spiciest tid-bits for soccer-starved fans will be the Juventus-Croatia and Macedonia-Hellas fixtures in Melbourne, and yet another confrontation between Sydney City Hakoh and St George Budapest in Sydney.

An interesting feature, in view of talk in recent years about a Tasmanian entry into the NSL, is Juventus Pioneer's appearance as the Island State's representative against George Cross in Melbourne.

The full draw for the first round is as follows (home teams first): Adelaide Croatia v Adelaide City, West Torrens Birkalla v West Adelaide, Heidelberg Alexander v Morwell Falcons, BU Juventus v Melbourne Croatia, Footscray JUST v Green Gully, Sunshine-George Cross v Juventus Pioneer, Preston Macedonia v South Melbourne Hellas, Brisbane Lions v Ipswich United, Inter Monaro v West Woden Juventus, Marconi v Brisbane City, Sydney City Hakoh v St George, Blacktown City v APIA Leichardt, Canberra v Rockdale Ilinden, Sydney Olympic v Penrith, Wollongong v Sydney Croatia, Cardiff v Newcastle Rokebur.

It is interesting to note that Italians predominate in the Cup, with no less than eight Italian clubs going into battle next month.

**\$750 prize for schools**

• The Victorian Secondary Schools Shield will be sponsored by the VSF for the second successive year and a large entry is expected in the knock-out competition, which was the brainchild of VSL chairman Sam Papavasas and has been organised by former South Melbourne Hellas great Jim Armstrong since its inception in 1982.

The inaugural competition was restricted to eastern independent schools and associated catholic colleges in Melbourne and 16 teams participated. In 1983, the competition was opened to any secondary school and there were 30 entrants, and last year 41 schools participated.

The 1984 final was played at the MCG, on the afternoon of the Australia v Italia clash so the finalists, Richmond High and Murrumbidgee High, played in front of a crowd of 12,000.

There's little doubt that the Victorian Secondary Schools Shield has the potential to become the biggest knock-out competition in the state.

There is prize money of \$750 for the winning school and \$250 for the runner-up.

Entry to the competition now is open and the closing date for applications from schools wishing to compete is Friday, March 15. For further information, schools should contact Jim Armstrong at work on 890 0677 or at home on 370 8197.

## \$250,000 BOOST FOR CANBERRA

A \$250,000 sponsorship package was announced last week for Canberra City Olympians.

The Federal Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism, Mr John Brown, who revealed the two-year sponsorship package said it was the biggest single club sponsorship in the history of Australian soccer.

The major sponsor is James Hardie Industries. Other sponsors include New South Wales Lotto, Bega Dairy Products, Adidas, Ansett and the Hellenic club of Canberra.

Mr Brown said it would only be fitting if the national capital could produce a championship-winning side.

"The other big sporting sponsorship by James Hardie Industries was in Rugby League with the Parramatta Eels when they won three successive premierships."

Canberra City Olympians president, Charles Perkins, said the sponsorship was great news for soccer in the national capital.

"People must remember that the Olympians are a club for everyone in the city. I urge them to get behind it and give it their wholehearted support," he added.

Club officials said that in cash and kind the James Hardie component of the package could touch \$150,000 to \$160,000 in the 1985-1986 seasons.

James Hardie has stipulated that a percentage of the sponsorship must be used for the development of junior and youth soccer.



• The announcement of Canberra's \$250,000 windfall — from left: James Kelsa of James Hardie Industries; the Minister for Sport, Tourism and Recreation, Mr Brown; Canberra City Olympians president Charles Perkins; club chairman Angeles Stramarcos and public relations consultant Johnny Warren.

# Lucchesi toccasana della Juventus?

senza che si spargano voci di dissidi fra giocatori o di imminenti provvedimenti da parte del comitato.

E questa è la prima considerazione da fare su qualsiasi allenatore, prima ancora che si possano analizzare le sue doti tecniche. E noi crediamo appunto che Tommy Traynor non ha passato questo primo esame: non è riuscito ad imporre la sua autorità sui giocatori, a mettersi al sicuro da interferenze di dirigenti, a dare la sensazione di essere padrone della situazione.

Gli è mancato, in altre parole, il "carattere" dell'allenatore: tecnicamente non ha avuto il tempo di dimostrare quanto vale anche se tutti sono d'accordo che è un ottimo preparatore atletico.

In queste condizioni quindi l'eserizio di Traynor, anche se spiacevole ed antipatico, era inevitabile e ben ha fatto quindi il comitato a non perdere tempo.

Fino ad ora il punto più debole della Juventus è stata la difesa a causa dei vari ripieghi resisti necessari per cercare di coprire la falla nella posizione nevralgica di libero. Traynor aveva provato a impeggarvi Peter Lewis senza successo e Margaritis ha anche lui fallito l'esperimento con Campbell.

Però questo problema si risolverà da solo con il rientro di Brown da venerdì prossimo dopo che la cessione di Lloyd al Green Gully (presumo per un anno) ha risolto il problema di avere troppi giocatori stranieri. Con Brown al centro della difesa le cose miglioreranno di molto e, con il prossimo rientro anche di Dowie, margaritis avrà addirittura la possibilità di poter guardare ad alternative (come quelle di spostare Brown a centromediano o a terzino con Dowie a libero).

Il centrocampo che fino ad ora non ha certo brillato, anche perché aveva alle spalle una difesa traballante, ha in Wade, Miranda, Cullen, Dowie (se non impegnato come libero), Campbell (se non impegnato come terzino), Incantalupo e il giovane Minichello abbondanza di elementi di classe e rendimento per diventare il reparto propulsore della squadra.

Il problema che Margaritis dovrà risolvere veramente rimane sempre l'attacco dove Ward e Sweeney, specialmente a coppia, non danno le garanzie necessarie.

Dei due, quello che causa più perplessità è sicuramente Ward che in tutto il campionato dell'anno scorso ha dimostrato molto saltuariamente di avere mezzi e classe

vuole) tramutare in rendimento continuo e decisivo ai fini dei risultati. Essendo un giocatore affermato con un ottimo passato al Preston, un anno di assestamento in squadra avrebbe dovuto essergli più che sufficiente. D'altra parte la sua apparente mancanza di cuore e di grinta elimina la possibilità di ricorrere a cambiamenti della formula di gioco per metterlo in condizioni più favorevoli.

Sweeney, al contrario, ha dimostrato fino ad ora (l'anno scorso ha dovuto subire due lunghi periodi di assenza dai campi di gioco) un impegno costante ed una grande volontà di far bene; uniti alle sue doti fisiche ed al suo micidiale colpo di testa queste sue qualità fanno di lui un giocatore sul quale si può fare affidamento e si può insistere.

Di Zinni come terza punta, o mezzapunta, c'è poco da dire. Il ragazzo ha tutti i mezzi tecnici e fisici per eccellere e il suo rendimento sarà condizionato solo da come lo impiegherà l'allenatore e da come sarà servito dai compagni di squadra. C'è solo da augurarsi che si decidano a servirlo in profondità per fargli sfruttare meglio la sua travolgente velocità e che lo mettano più spesso in condizione di arrivare in zona di tiro poiché l'unico attaccante della Juventus che può tirare ugualmente bene di destro e di sinistro, di piedi e di testa, a volo e in girata, a bruciapelo e a distanza. Come attaccante centrale potrebbe essere anche una rivelazione, ma in ogni caso sarebbe molto più redditizio di Ward e sicuramente frutterebbe molto meglio gli spazi e le occasioni create da Sweeney.

L'impiego di Zinni come secondo attaccante centrale potrebbe anche favorire un miglior impiego di Incantalupo

che potrebbe così tornare nella sua posizione di mezzapunta che noi pensiamo gli sia più congeniale di quella di centrocampista di spinta. Fabio ha bisogno di spazio sia per muoversi, sia per avere libera la traiettoria per le sue micidiali bordate di sinistro. Con Zinni, Ward e Sweeney (e almeno altrettanti difensori avversari) davanti a lui a fare barriera davanti alla porta, Fabio ha pochissimi spiragli utili. Non bisogna poi dimenticare che Fabio è capace anche di ottimi e precisi traversoni e lanci lunghi che gli permetterebbero di servire alla perfezione i compagni al centro e sulla destra da tre quarti campo o da posizione di ala.

L'alternativa di una prima linea fatta da Incantalupo, Zinni e Sweeney ci sembra per lo meno interessante e piena di promesse; in ogni caso certamente migliore dell'ormai strafallito esperimento con Ward e Sweeney come doppi centravanti.

Un'altra soluzione alla sterilità dell'attacco juventino potrebbe essere l'acquisto di Claudio Lucchesi dal Preston. Claudio è il giocatore di classe pura capace di segnare, di fare segnare e di "inventare" le reti dal niente. E' forse la migliore mezzapunta in circolazione e può essere impiegato come attaccante puro o come centrocampista puro. Per la modesta cifra di \$3,000 stipulata nel suo contratto con il Preston, e con pretese personali abbastanza modeste Claudio non può che essere definito un vero e proprio "affare". Al momento di andare in stampa sappiamo che vi sono serie trattative in corso, ci auguriamo che il comitato, e Margaritis, dia un'altra prova di decisione e se lo accaparrerà nei pro e non se lo lascia scappare.

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